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Telephone Lines, Trees Hang Low Under Winter's Heavy Mantle of Ice



Trees and wires bowed low to winter's might yesterday as the ice storm that drew a paralyzing ring around the borough went into its second day. The first of three pictures taken along Route 23, between Bucktown and Elverson, shows why telephone and electric crews have been working 24 hours without a break trying to restore service in outlying communities. In the middle, evergreens on the left hang their heads, while the trees on the right stand in icy glory. On the right everything from road to fence-wire is frozen solid by the storm that caused a half dozen accidents, disrupted 1000 telephones and left hundreds of families without heat or light. Old-timers of the area said it was one of the worst ice storms in years.

Marine Detachment Assigned by Navy to Mediterranean Duty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The Navy announced today that an undisclosed number of Marines will sail Jan. 6 from Morehead City, N. C., to the Mediterranean for duty aboard the aircraft carrier Midway and three light cruisers, one of which is at Piraeus, Greece.

The Marines are from the Second division. The Navy declined to say how many Marines were involved in its descriptive phrase, "a group of marines," but it was learned that they are going over on a "normal size transport of 12,000 to 15,000 tons fully loaded."

The Navy's terse 8-line "memo to the press" said the objective is "to augment the shipboard training of Marines." It likewise said that "the increase will restore the total personnel on board to approximately the normal over-all complement of the ship."

On the basis that such figures are "top secret," the Navy declined to give the present number of Navy and Marine personnel aboard the Midway now at Naples, Italy, and the three cruisers, the Portsmouth at Genoa, Italy, the Providence at Leghorn, Italy, and the Little Rock at Piraeus.

State department officials told reporters that they were consulted in advance about the Navy move. They said the department advised the Navy it had no objections. They declined further comment.

The Navy said the normal over-all complement of a large aircraft carrier such as the Midway is 2200, of whom about 100 are Marines and that of light cruisers is 1000 of whom about 50 are Marines.

But on some-time American Navy ships have been undermanned, the Navy said. The inference is that it would take more than the normal number of Marines to bring the total personnel aboard the four ships involved to the "normal over-all complement."

The Navy, commenting in response to questions, disclosed that in addition to the Midway and the three cruisers, there are ten destroyers in the total Mediterranean area. "This Mediterranean fleet is commanded by Vice Admiral Bernhard Bieri."

Two of these destroyers are in Greek waters—the K. D. Bailey at Piraeus and the Kyatt at Salonika.

The Leary is at Trieste, the Stenaker at Leghorn, Vogelsang at Genoa, the Dress at Venice. At Naples are the H. J. Ellison, the Gearing, the E. A. Greene and C. R. Ware.

The Navy declined to say whether it contemplates sending additional detachments of Marines or any other naval ships to the Mediterranean.

HEALTH BOARD PICKS MARQUET AS SECRETARY

Labor Leader, Prominent In Democratic Circles, To Succeed Swavely

J. Alfred Marquet, 1131 Queen street, labor union and Democratic party leader, was appointed secretary of the Pottstown board of health yesterday by action of members of the reorganized board.

Marquet succeeds Ralph L. Swavely, who resigned the past week after 12 years of service.

In accepting the appointment Marquet declared, "I hope to help give the people of Pottstown a fair and honest return on all expenditures."

"I feel there's an awful lot that can be done to eliminate eyewores and unhealthy conditions in some corners of the borough."

Although he said a specific program must await the new board's first meeting Monday night at 9 o'clock in borough hall, Marquet cited "open sewers" and "unsanitary handling of food" as two items "that need looking into."

Marquet's appointment climaxed a series of changes in the board that began with the resignation of Dr. Claude B. Lerch on Nov. 25 after 12 years as president, which was followed by the Dec. 29 resignation of two Republicans and a Democrat, who all were replaced by Democrats, and then the resignation of Swavely.

The new secretary is president of Local 2177, United Steel Workers, the union at the Bethlehem Steel plant where Marquet has been a template maker for 12 years.

Married and with three daughters, aged 7, 2 and 1, Marquet has been a Democratic committeeman in the Sixth Ward for eight years. Although he has never held borough office, he polled the highest Democratic total ever gained in the sixth ward as unsuccessful candidate for council.

During the past election, he ran slightly ahead of his party's county ticket as candidate for county controller.

He is a former member of the church council of St. James Lutheran church, and at present is secretary of the Sunday school.

His other affiliations include Aerie 626, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the newly formed Pottstown Independent club, a CIO social and educational organization.

In addition to seating Marquet, the board at its first meeting is expected to appoint a president to succeed Dr. Lerch.

Board members announced that future meetings would be open to the press.

Electric, 'Phone Service Crippled By Snow, Ice in Outlying Areas

Named to Board



New secretary of the Pottstown board of health is J. Alfred Marquet (above), of 1131 Queen street, local labor union leader. He succeeds Ralph L. Swavely, who resigned.

NORCO SCHOOL GIVEN CAR FOR DRIVER COURSE

Dual-Control Automobile Presented by Sam Keiser For Use in Classwork

A dual control automobile for use in a driver training course was presented to North Coventry High school yesterday by Sam H. Keiser, Pottstown automobile dealer.

"As an automobile dealer, I am particularly interested in safe driving," Keiser declared. "If it can save only one life or prevent one accident in a year, the driver training program is worthwhile."

Keiser explained that at the end of 2000 miles or at the end of the semester, whichever should occur first, the car will be replaced by a new model, thus insuring at least two new cars each year for the course. The exchange will be made without cost to the school.

Under this system, the school board will have to meet only the minimum amount of repairs and each class of students will get a particularly safe car.

He went on to note that many schools in the Pottstown area have instituted safe driving courses. He said he would be willing to make the same offer to local schools if a course is approved.

O. C. Bearcraft, manager of the Pottstown Automobile club, heralded the gift as a forward step in safe driving in the Pottstown area.

"The record shows that drivers trained under the driver training program have a 50 percent better accident record than untrained drivers in the same age group," he declared.

"Already neighboring schools in Schuylkill, Collegeville, and Pottsville have courses in operation, in addition to the course at North Coventry," he added.

Norco pupils who have been taking the driver training course classwork since September are expected to get behind-the-wheel training within two weeks. Paul H. Grim, supervising principal, said yesterday.

Grim explained that the pupils must gratify because the \$1 must go to the city as a registration fee.

High Educators Endorse Cordts System Methods

By FRANK DOSTAL (Mercury Staff Writer) Fourth Article in a Series

Outstanding leaders in the field of American education yesterday endorsed the principles of Dr. Anna D. Cordts' training program for the teachers of Pottstown elementary schools and assailed the action of the school board in summarily dismissing the Rutgers university educator.

Dr. John H. Minnick, dean of the school of education of the University of Pennsylvania, declared:

"Anyone opposed to in-service teacher training doesn't know what he is talking about. The school board is very foolish if they go away with it."

"Teachers either move forward or backward. If they don't get the incentive offered by a teacher training program, they tend to move backward."

"College preparation is not the only requirement for a teacher. He must get ready all during his life to be a good teacher. The idea of continuous growth is the principle involved."

Explaining that all forward-looking schools throughout the country are installing or are planning to install teacher training programs to continue the development of their teacher, Dr. Minnick went on to say:

"The best way to conduct a teacher training program is to have some educators come to the school and to work with the teachers."

Dr. Winfield W. Menhennet, dean of instruction at West Chester State Teachers college, lent firm support to Dr. Minnick.

"We stand firmly for in-service teacher training," he declared. "We've always stood for it."

Comparing teacher training to the continuous efforts of physicians to learn the latest developments in the field of medicine in order to better serve their patients and to protect the health of the community, Dr. Menhennet said:

"We feel that continuous training in the classroom keeps teachers up on new ideas and developments in their field. It helps them to keep abreast of the times, and tends to unify the efforts of the teachers in the schools."

He pointed out that teachers from the Pottstown schools had (Continued on Page Three)

TREES AND POLES TOPPLE, CUT OFF POWER SERVICE

Hundreds of Rural Homes Affected; Glazed Highways Make Driving Perilous

Rain, wind, snow and ice conspired yesterday to draw a jagged circle around Pottstown yesterday that disrupted telephone service in nearly a thousand homes, left hundreds of families in outlying sections without heat or light, caused at least three accidents and sent traffic crawling on glassy roads flanked by falling tree limbs.

Through it all, the borough itself went like an eddy in a whirlpool, with no accidents, few falling trees or power failures, no emergency calls to police and a temperature report that ticked at 30 below.

Late last night, however, the mercury had fallen in the borough below the freezing mark. Pottstown roads were so slippery that the traffic light at High and Manatwamy street was put on blinker, lest motorists pile up when trying to stop at a sudden red light.

The weather bureau's report of continued cold with snow flurries today and even colder tonight, seemed to threaten Pottstown with a use of what surrounding sections have seen for 36 hours.

From nearly every outlying section reports poured in all yesterday of homes in darkness, one-way traffic and no phone service.

Willard Kline, branch manager of the Bell Telephone company of office, reported that all available men, including four crews from other counties, worked until absolute blackness came, trying to make a dent in the backlog of 980 telephones knocked out when wires broke under the burden of three inches of ice, or were cut clean by falling trees.

The 980 figure represents only about one-twelfth of the telephones in this area, but the damage was concentrated in rural areas without main cable lines, and in some sections more telephones were "dead" than were operating.

Power failures were reported most severe in the Chester county area around Knauer (Continued on Page Three)

Brookings Survey Sought On European Aid Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) announced today he has asked the Brookings institution to survey "the principal proposals that have been made for the administration of the European recovery program."

Vandenberg said in a statement that the institution is expected to analyze these proposals and report to the Senate Foreign Relations committee, which he heads, by mid-January.

"It is already evident that one of the major problems in ERP legislation will be the formula for administration," Vandenberg said.

"There is wide divergence of opinion on the subject."

"I am seeking to have the most thorough and the most authentic studies of the problem and in this spirit I have felt that the Brookings institution possesses such a wide and well deserved reputation for objective surveys that its consideration of all the factors involved would be of great value to me."

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Co-operation With Police Pledged by New Prosecucor

By Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, Jan. 2.—Pledging co-operation with the police of Montgomery county, District Attorney-Elect E. Arnold Forrest today made preparations to assume his role as the county's new prosecutor at noon, Monday.

"The facilities of my office will be available to the police at all times," declared Forrest.

At the same time he announced the names of his staff, most of whom will begin to function officially on Monday.

Most important of the new prosecutors' appointments was David Ennis, of Whitmarsh, as chief county detective. A former chief of the Whitmarsh township police department, Ennis recently resigned from the detective force of Washington, D. C.

Another major appointment was E. J. Kerns, of Evansburg, to the post of chief operator of the Montgomery county police radio system. He succeeds John Guinan, of Whitmarsh, who has submitted his resignation effective Jan. 15.

Other members of the detective force, all reappointments, are Al-

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Municipal Collection Of Garbage Gets Off To Good Start Here

Pottstown's first day of municipal garbage collection yesterday went well, according to housewives and the contractor, George H. Dunn, of 718 Walnut street.

Despite slippery, wet weather, Dunn reported, 10 men working in four trucks finished the Eighth and Tenth wards between 8 o'clock and about noon.

"Things went almost without a hitch," Dunn said, and added that he had received only two complaints.

The new collection system, adopted Nov. 25 to save borough families an estimated \$15 a year, also met with general approval of housewives in the first day's collection area.

A few women said they were not keen about having to put out their garbage for collection, and one said can lids had been strewn about the gutters, but all the women surveyed agreed collection was prompt and there was little stopping.

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Extra Incentive Offered By Justice of the Peace

DENVER, Jan. 2 (AP)—Leap Year bargain:

Justice of the Peace David Oyler said today he will marry any couple in 1948 for only \$1 if the girl admits she did the proposing.

That means Oyler would tie the knot gratis because the \$1 must go to the city as a registration fee.

He was on duty at the switchboard during the Spanish-American war and often spoke of the "unusually heavy" traffic at that time. He worked day and night many times, but claimed that the night work was no hardship.

He told how the operators would go to bed until an alarm on the switchboard sounded. They then would get out of bed, answer the call, reset the alarm and return to bed.

Romig had been actively associated with the Security Trust company for the past 37 years and had been assistant treasurer of the bank for the past four years. During his service with the company, he acted as teller and note collector.

He was a member of Trinity Reformed church and of Stichter Lodge 234, F and AM.

He is survived by his wife, Viola (Mauger); two daughters, Lydia, wife of Richard Stamm, 810 North Evans street, and Jane, wife of Harold G. Wilson, at home; two grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Earl Umstead, 110 Chestnut street.

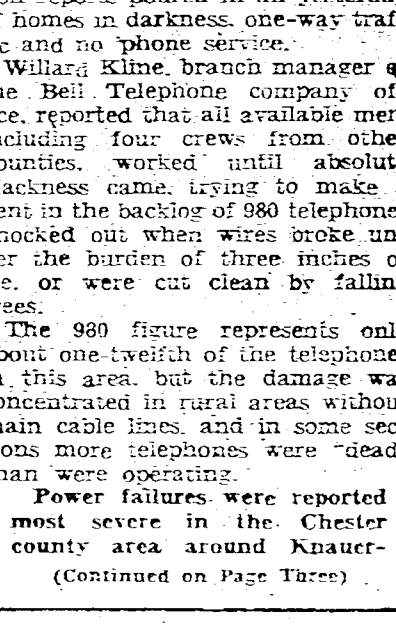
Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Morris Romig Dies; Was Operator Of First Local 'Phone Switchboard

Morris R. Romig, 66, of 854 North Evans street, who was one of the first "boy operators" in the pioneering days of the Bell Telephone company in Pottstown, died at 8:30 o'clock in his home last night following a short illness.

School Gets Car for Driving Instruction

—Photo by Melvin L. Feroe



A dual control training car presented to North Coventry High school by Sam H. Keiser (right), Pottstown automobile dealer, is inspected by Alvin S. Alderfer, Norco driving instructor, Paul H. Grim (left), supervising principal, and O. C. Bearcraft (second from right), manager of the Pottstown Automobile club, look on as Alderfer leaves the car.

Clubmen Vole Support Of Two Youth Programs

Support of the underprivileged children's program of the Kiwanis club and of Camp Delmont of the Boy Scouts of America during the coming year was voted last night at a quarterly meeting of the Pottstown Clubmen's association in the Eagles home.

Floyd E. Seeders, president, presided at the meeting.

Reports were given by Daniel S. Drumbler and Earl B. Bechtel, both of the executive committee.

Delegates from 14 of the 18 organizations represented by the association attended the meeting.

Borough Soliciting Bowling Alley Fees

In accordance with the provisions of the new licensing ordinance, application blanks have been sent by Borough Manager Dow E. Sears to officers of local fraternal organizations which conduct bowling.

The ordinance prescribes a borough tax of 10 percent on the gross proceeds from bowling alleys when operated for profit.

When the applications are filled out and received by Borough Manager Sears, they will be examined and, if it is shown the bowling is conducted for monetary returns and not as a social feature of the organization, the fee will be applied.

It is estimated about ten organizations will file reports. At borough hall last night, one borough official said that much revenue is not expected from this form of taxation. It is estimated the returns, in most cases, will be from \$20 to \$30 per annum.

Chicago Armour Plant Is Damaged by Blaze

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—An extra alarm fire at the Armour & company acid processing plant in the South side stockyards district caused an estimated \$150,000 damage today.

Dense smoke and numerous small explosions hampered firemen in their efforts to quench the blaze. Fire Marshal Anthony J. Mullaney, who made the damage estimate, said the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion after a pipe containing acid collapsed.

FIRE IN STATE CAPITOL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 2 (AP)—Fire which started in a basement storeroom in the State capitol here late today caused heavy smoke damage to the Supreme court chamber on the second floor and the House of Representatives chamber on the fourth floor.

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Mostly cloudy and cold today. Partly cloudy tomorrow and not quite so cold in afternoon.

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No Challenger Reported For 1948 Baby Honors

Since no other tiny claimant appeared yesterday, it still looked as if Jane Lynne Steiner, Hilldale, would be showered with presents from 18 local merchants for being the first child born in the Pottstown trading area in 1948.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Steiner, who first saw the light of day in a corridor of Memorial hospital at 10 a. m. Thursday, was doing remarkably well yesterday and seemed to be the winner when the four-day waiting period is over.

Nancy's Christmas Fund

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Mrs. E. D. Ruess, Arlington, Virginia	5.00
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ON THE MAIN DRAG

- RACHEL TROOP—trying to talk through a closed window.
- JOHN MCANDREWS—getting a bid to demonstrate a snow shovel.
- PHYLLIS ANNE PICKARD—going back to the wintry west.
- MRS. JOHN OSUCH—helping watch a neighbor's baby.
- BERNARD WETHMULLER—awaiting the coming of Spring.
- SPENCER LESSIG—combing strands of hair on his head.
- JERRY SEEDERS—promising to give a friend a birthday present.
- PAUL KOVACH—attempting to repair a top horn.
- FRANK HUTT—in earnest conversation about a certain project.
- RICHARD LEE—absorbed in a newspaper.
- DAVE SHANLEY—reaching deep into a can of ice cream.

Martin Says House Will Give Priority To Tax Slice Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., predicted today that the House will pass a tax reduction bill this month.

With Congress reconvening next Tuesday, the speaker told a new conference:

"Tax reduction is one of the very first things on the program. It is absolutely essential to have tax reduction this year. It will provide more take-home money and an incentive to production and thereby help relieve high prices."

Although Martin said he had no particular tax cutting measure in mind, Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the ways and means committee is trying to line up support for a bill which would top \$5,000,000,000 off the current load.

The speaker expressed doubt that the Senate would pass a tax cut bill in January, but he said action by the House would serve notice on the White House that such legislation was on the way.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Republican policy committee, told a news conference that senators will want to take a look at the budget and the possible cost of economic aid to Europe before they are called upon to vote on a tax reduction bill.

Similarly Chairman Millican (R-Colo.) of the Senate finance committee, said his group will wait to see what kind of a bill the House produces before it acts.

President Truman twice vetoed during the past year bills which would have trimmed the tax load by some \$4,000,000,000. He argued that the tax cuts would have increased the inflationary pressure and that the proposed laws would have given disproportionate benefits to the well-to-do.

Martin said the amount that taxes can be reduced depends largely "on the co-operation we get from the administration in reducing government expenses."

The Knutson tax bill would grant reductions from 100 percent in the lowest income groups to 10 percent in the highest brackets. It could remove an estimated 7,400,000 low income and elderly persons from the tax rolls.

Generally it provides:

1. An increase in personal exemptions from \$500 to \$600.
2. General application of the community property principle to the family income for tax purposes to take advantage of lower rates.
3. Increased exemptions for elderly persons.

Marshall Plan to Be Much Cheaper Than Another War, Barkley Asserts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, Senate Democratic leader, declared tonight the Marshall Plan will be "infinitely cheaper in dollars to the American people than another war which might see the destruction of civilization itself."

Barkley's remarks, from Paris, were prepared for a half-hour Democratic party radio support behind the Marshall Plan and the administration's proposals to halt rising prices.

"America's vital interests are deeply concerned with this whole (European relief) program," Barkley said. "We cannot afford merely to nibble at the bite. We must sink our teeth into it, however unpleasant the taste."

"The Marshall Plan contemplates a four-year program of aid and recovery. It makes it possible to work out arrangements in advance with a view to the formation of a well-considered and well-rounded approach to the problem. A shorter commitment would make this impossible and would involve the risk of making what we do totally futile and ineffective."

National and local spokesmen of the Democratic party were on the program for the broadcast from Paris to Los Angeles. Private citizens described in the advance script

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Greeks Attempt To Halt Retreat Of Communists

ATHENS, Jan. 2 (AP)—Greek Army troops fanned out north and west of Konitsa today in an effort to prevent beaten Communist-led guerrillas from escaping into Albania, Greek dispatches said.

Abatement of a snow storm enabled Greek air force planes to participate in the mopping up operations. Authorities said some of the rebels already had crossed into Albania or fled to their stronghold in the Grammos mountains.

Meanwhile, officials sought to restore normal living conditions in shell-shattered Konitsa where government troops broke a guerrilla siege in seven days of bitter fighting.

Large quantities of supplies were moving into the city where 44,000 refugees were reported to have sought protection from the guerrillas. There were no accounts thus far of the extent of damage to the city of the number of civilian casualties from the guerrilla bombardment.

Army units which broke the rebel siege lines, and relieved the hard-pressed government garrison in Konitsa took up advance defense positions outside the city located eight miles from the Albanian border. Newspaper accounts said the guerrillas made a light attack on one of the principal defense points but caused little damage.

Several mass graves of guerrillas were found in the general area of Konitsa.

As the fighting ebbed in the North, guerrilla units clashed with Athens government forces in other sections of Greece.

It was officially reported that 500 guerrillas had failed in an attempt to capture Andritsaina, 38 miles north of Kalamata, in the Peloponnese. The Rebels made four attacks and once reached the center of the town but were driven out by reinforced government forces. Twenty guerrillas were said to have been killed there and another 30 wounded.

Press dispatches said 14 guerrillas were killed when a guerrilla force of 300 attacked Nigrita.

Home Demolished by Tornado



A resident of the small town of Cotton Valley, La., looks at the remains of a three-room house which was destroyed by a tornado which struck there.

Storm Cripples New York; More Snow Is Expected

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—Thousands suffered the discomforts of darkness and cold in the nation's most populous region tonight as a crackling ice storm held its grip on the metropolitan area and the second snowstorm in a week approached.

Under the heavy weight of ice, trees snapped with rifle-like crashing, causing hundreds of power line breaks which left uncounted thousands without light, heat or cooking facilities.

Just recovering from the effects of a 25.8 inch record snowfall the past Friday, citizens' spirits were bowed by the night-long ice storm and the approach of a new snowstorm. The weather bureau forecast two or three inches of snow in New York and up to a foot in New England accompanied by high winds and freezing temperatures.

The discomforts were immeasurable but no casualties had been reported by late afternoon.

The storm which was spread across most of New England and New York and New Jersey appeared to affect normal routine most of the heavily populated, complexly mechanized New York metropolitan area.

The New York stock exchange, the curb exchange, and the cotton exchange announced trading will be suspended tomorrow because of storm conditions.

Highways were hazardous and local officials warned motorists to stay home.

Flying operations were curtailed at LaGuardia field where the cancellation of 442 flights over a two-day period affected an estimated 16,000 passengers. Officials said only six domestic planes departed between midnight and 1:30 p. m. (Pottstown time) today.

Railroad schedules were disrupted, with commuters' trains running late. Derailment of freight cars delayed through trains of the Pennsylvania railroad outside Elizabeth, N. J., and of the New York Central near Peekskill, N. Y.

All emergency crews of power and telephone companies rushed into action, but most companies said a complete report of disrupted service was impossible immediately.

In the New York boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx alone, however, 10,000 customers were without electricity, the Consolidated Edison company reported. In Queens, Richmond and the Bronx 2018 fireboxes were out of commission.

Power failure caused oil burners to stop. Oil deliveries al-

Crosby Again Tops Box Office Poll

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 2 (AP)—Bing Crosby for the fourth consecutive year was the top box office attraction in 1947, the Motion Picture Herald announced today after a poll of exhibitors.

Others in the first 100 in the order of their ranking are:

Betty Grable, who moved up from ninth place last year; Ingrid Bergman, second in 1946; Gary Cooper, who also was fourth last year; Humphrey Bogart, who moved up from sixth; Bob Hope, Clark Gable, Gregory Peck, Claudette Colbert and Alan Ladd.

The western actors, in the order of their ranking, are Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, William Boyd, Bill Elliott, Gabby Hayes, Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette, Johnny Mack Brown, Dale Evans and Eddie Dean.

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NLRB ACCUSES AFL UNION OF 'UNFAIR' ACTION

Chattanooga Carpenters Hit By Decision; Court Issues Writ in Teamsters Case

By The Associated Press

Two precedent-making decisions were issued against unions under the Taft-Hartley law yesterday as new strikes broke out against four overseas communications firms and against a Texas oil refinery.

In one of the Taft-Hartley decisions, issued in Washington, an examiner of the National Labor Relations Board, J. J. Fitzpatrick, ruled for the first time that a union had engaged in an unfair labor practice.

Such charges against unions were barred under the Wagner act, which permitted them only against employers.

In the other Taft-Hartley case, Federal District Judge Stephen W. Brennan at Utica, N. Y., issued an injunction prohibiting the AFL Teamsters Local 294 from engaging in six acts of alleged unfair labor practices. This was the first court injunction obtained under the new labor law, the NLRB said in Washington.

The overseas communications strike involved a walkout of 3500 workers employed by four firms handling an estimated two-thirds of the message transmissions between the U. S. and abroad.

Two unions, the CIO American Communications Association and the All-America Cable Employees Association, an independent union, were involved in the strike, demanding a 30 percent pay boost. The companies said they operated at a loss in 1947.

Approximately 1400 workers, members of the CIO Oil Workers union, walked out at the Pan-American Refining corporation plant at Texas City, Tex., demanding a 20-cent pay increase. This strike was significant because of the Winter oil shortage and pay increase demands from oil workers elsewhere.

The union held by NLRB Examiner Fitzpatrick to have been engaged in an unfair labor practice was Local 74 of the AFL Carpenters union at Chattanooga, Tenn. He ruled the local had committed a secondary boycott in violation of the Taft-Hartley law.

Fitzpatrick found that a strike of four union carpenters on a home remodeling job was called for the purpose of requiring their employer to "cease doing business" with a flooring installation firm which had signed non-union workmen to the project.

Judge Brennan's injunction decision restrains the teamsters' local, among other things, from insisting that the Conway Express company pay to the union the equivalent of the wages for a union driver, as penalty for a trip handled by a non-union driver.

In this respect, the court invoked the Taft-Hartley law ban against forcing an employer to pay for work not performed, or so-called "featherbedding." The court injunction is to stand until the NLRB can decide if the teamsters' local is, in fact, guilty of the six alleged unfair labor charges.

Ann Sothorn Divorces Husband



Pretty blond Ann Sothorn yesterday took the lead in the Hollywood divorce parade for 1948. She was granted a decree in Los Angeles from Actor Robert Sterling on the allegation that he caused her "grievous mental suffering" by telling her he didn't want the responsibility of marriage. The couple is shown at the time of their marriage in May, 1943.

Search for Convicts Ends; Killer Gives Up Peacefully

CANON CITY, Colo., Jan. 2 (AP)—A family was terrorized throughout the night by the last of the Colorado prison's escaped convicts before he was captured early today, a few hours after he released his vigil to let the family's sick boy be taken to a doctor.

The surrender without a shot by murderer James Sherbondy, 28, spun the last threads in the pattern of bitter reprisal for the 12 dangerous criminals who broke out of the cell block called "Little Siberia" Tuesday night.

None made good in his bid for freedom. Two were slain, four more were wounded, another was beaten by a hammer-swinging ranch wife and all the rest but Sherbondy were back behind walls 18 hours after the break.

Sherbondy carried a realistic-looking sawed-off shotgun made in the prison from plumbing pipe, wire and friction tape. His legs were badly frostbitten.

He told Warden Roy Best and newspapermen he "had a hunch" he would be taken, but "I couldn't let that little kid die."

The "little kid" was Jerry Bauer, seven-year-old sick son, of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer, who lived at Garden Park, a community three miles north of Canon City.

After hiding without food in a hay barn nearby since Tuesday night, Sherbondy went to the Bauer home after dark last night. He told Bauer and his wife he wanted food but wouldn't harm them if they obeyed his orders.

"That guy looked big and pretty real to me—I wasn't going to argue with it," said Bauer, a 27-year-old cement company worker.

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FRENCH PREMIER STAKES REGIME ON TAX DEMAND

Schuman Submits Bill To Deputies Requesting Over Billion in Funds

PARIS, Jan. 2 (AP)—The life of the government of Premier Robert Schuman was in jeopardy tonight, even as it agreed in a treaty to conditions of American Winter aid.

There was considerable doubt whether the stooped, balding premier, who less than a month ago beat down a Communist-led strike surge, could push through an angry national chamber of deputies an unpopular income tax bill to raise an additional 125,000,000,000 francs (\$1,041,000,000).

The premier took the drastic step today of withdrawing his original anti-inflation tax bill which had been trimmed and manhandled by the legislators. He submitted a new "compromise" measure and declared he would resign, unless it is passed without change.

The country must know that we have behind us a parliament which has confidence in us and accepts its responsibilities," he declared.

The chamber was summoned to an extraordinary session beginning tomorrow to consider the new bill and the finance commission of the assembly went into what appeared to be an all-night session to complete its report on the measure. Rightist and Peasant deputies apparently were in no mood to approve the bill without serious changes.

The government thus appeared in danger of falling at almost the moment it was assured of interim economic aid from the United States for the next few difficult months.

In signing the treaty with the United States agreeing to the conditions set by Congress for \$522,000,000 in aid for France, Italy and Austria, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault declared this was "a document to be remembered forever in the history of a friendship of centuries."

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Grubb, Foreman Wills Are Probated

By Staff Correspondent
NORRISTOWN, Jan. 2.—The will of Irvin B. Grubb, Limerick, who died Nov. 23, was filed for probate today.
He directed that \$100 was to be paid to Swamp Lutheran church cemetery fund for care of his father's grave and \$50 to Reformed church congregation, of Pennsylvania, for the care of the grave of his wife's parents.
Antique dishes are to be distributed among six sons and daughters. A son, J. Norman Grubb, is bequeathed \$1.
The balance of the estate is to go to the wife, Minerva C. Grubb, who is named executrix. The will was written March 25, 1941.
Lillian A. Foreman, Pottstown, who died Dec. 27, provided that her estate, valued at \$4900 and including property at 455 Spruce street, Pottstown, is to be placed in trust for the life benefit of a sister, Mary A. Foreman.
After the sister's death, the following bequests are to be made from the principal: \$1000 each to Helen Heydt, and Mabel Skaneatele, and nephew, Cyrus G. Foreman and \$100 each to nephew, Paul Lachman, and nieces, Edna Robinson and Mildred Jeffries. Any balance is to be shared by nieces, Helen Heydt and Mabel Skaneatele, and the nephew Cyrus G. Foreman.

FOREIGN AID —

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the committee in its work.
Senator Brooks (R-Ill.) had served notice he intends to head a group which will demand a "business" administration of proposed aid to 16 Western European nations.
The Brookings Institution is a privately endowed research organization.
Senator Taft, of Ohio, told a reporter he can not support President Truman's proposal for a four-year study that, might, the Senator said, total upwards of \$20,000,000,000 (billion).
I think we will have to spend between \$4,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000 (billion) in the first year in helping European nations help themselves and thus aid them in containing Communism within its present bounds," the Ohioan said.
"But if the administration insists on the Marshall plan in its present form and resists changes in it, then I cannot support it. I cannot back a program that, essentially, merely figures up the difference between our exports and our imports for the next four years and just hand that difference over to other nations."
Taft, at a news conference later, said he thought Vandenberg's decision "a very good idea." He said he didn't like the setup proposed by Mr. Truman because it makes the administrator practically a bureau of the State department.
"I think it should be a separate agency," the Ohioan said. "I would like an administrator who is looking just as much to the economic welfare of the United States as he is to the economic welfare of Europe."
House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) joined Taft and several other leading Republicans in favoring aid to Europe on a year-to-year basis and opposing a four-year commitment such as the administration has proposed.
Noting that the present Congress cannot bind future Congresses, Martin told a reporter: "It is a question of whether it would be fair to the world to tell them we are going to help for four years and then not make good."

Manslaughter Gets Youth An Indefinite Term

NORRISTOWN, Jan. 2 (P)—An indefinite term at the Pennsylvania Industrial school was ordered today for John A. Croston Jr., 17, of Bryn Mawr, in connection with a collision which killed three and injured six.
The youth pleaded guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter before Judge Harold G. Knight in Montgomery county and admitted driving through a stop sign and striking another car on Dec. 14.
TEMPERATURE AT 103
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 2 (P)—The temperature was 103 (Fahrenheit) here today—the highest this summer.

NEW PROSECUTOR —

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bert Murphy, of Lower Merion; James V. Gleason, of Pottstown; and Charles Eiler, of Norristown. Assistant District Attorneys are: J. Stroud Wever, Evansburg; Roger B. Reynolds, Lower Merion; Thomas E. Waters, Jenkintown; Nicholas Larziere, Norristown; Henry S. Miller, Jenkintown, and C. Howard Harry, Norristown.
Weber, Reynolds and Miller are holdovers from the regime of Frederick B. Smilie who bows out of office Monday.
In addition to Kerns, other radio operators are: John Kupp, Stowe; William Ward, Pottstown; Roy Reifsnider, Pottstown; and Horace Wolfe, Upper Merion. All served under Smilie.
Other members of the staff announced today by Forrest are: Louis DeGiovanni, Norristown, indictment clerk; Abner O. Miller, Green Lane, chief clerk; Miss Blanche Farnow, Norristown, stenographer; and Miss Dorothy Ouski, Upper Merion, telephone operator.
DeGiovanni is a newcomer to the staff. All of the others held jobs under Smilie.

State Asks Word On Winner's Status

HARRISBURG, Jan. 2 (P)—Gov. James H. Duff has held up approval of papers which would place members of the State's new tax equalization board officially on the State payroll pending clarification of the status of two of the members, now also holding county posts.
S. Graybill Dism, Lancaster county commissioner, and Edwin Winner, Montgomery county treasurer, were sworn in as members of the board in November with Walter J. Kress former State deputy secretary of revenue.
Diehm and Winner, however, continued to retain their county posts and Auditor General G. Harold Wagner asked the State Justice department for a "letter of advice" on the compatibility of the two posts.
The terms of both Diehm and Winner as county officials end this week but Diehm was re-elected last November to a sixth term as county commissioner; and so far there has been no announcement as to whether he plans to relinquish the county posts.
Wagner, in disclosing the request for legal advice, said he wanted to know whether there was "any conflict" between the State and local jobs before approving salary checks for the two members. So far no ruling has been received from the Justice department.
The new tax board was established to determine the true market value of real estate in every school district in the state as a means of providing a more equal base for distribution of State school subsidies, starting in 1949.

Chester Fireman Held On Manslaughter Charge

CHESTER, Jan. 2 (P)—John J. Dyer, 22-year-old volunteer fireman, was ordered held without bail today on charges of theft of an ambulance and manslaughter following the death of two men in the ambulance and the injury of three others in a crash.
Police Chief Andrew P. Desmond said Dyer, a member of the Parkside Fire company whose new \$6500 ambulance was wrecked last night, was on parole from a 23-month sentence for highway robbery and larceny.
Police said Dyer, who lives next door to the firehouse, had been a member of the fire company about three months but had no authority to drive the ambulance.

STRIKE SETTLED

MANILA, Jan. 2 (P)—The Philippines Court of Industrial Relations announced today temporary settlement of a strike of 1300 employees of major American oil companies which had led to crippling of Manila's entirely motorized public transport system due to lack of fuel.
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Police Begin Search For Missing Coed

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., Jan. 2 (P)—Search was underway today for attractive 18-year-old Barbara Virginia Berry, New Brunswick, N. J. State Teaches college sophomore, who has been reported missing from her home here since New Year's eve.
The girl's father, Lloyd H. Berry, a heating and plumbing contractor, said he last saw his daughter Wednesday afternoon as she left to attend a New Year's eve party in Drexel Hill, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.
Berry said he became alarmed when he learned that Barbara had not reached the party and contacted all of his daughter's male acquaintances. They also were unable to furnish any clue of Miss Berry's whereabouts, the girl's father said.
Berry said the girl may have gone to California, which she visited with her mother upon her graduation from high school in 1946. New Jersey State police telephoned authorities in Chicago, St. Louis and Amarillo, Tex., to join in the search for the girl.

CAR PRESENTED —

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will have to have their schedules arranged so that they may meet the requirements of the course for the number of hours spent in the car.
The junior class has been taking the course during the first semester and the senior class is expected to take it during the second. This will mean that approximately 100 students will have had the classes and behind-the-wheel training by the end of the school year, Grim pointed out.
After this first year, Grim said, it is planned to give the course to those pupils who will reach the driving age during the year. Fifteen-year-old students will take the necessary class work and will begin their behind the wheel training as soon as they become 16-years-old.
Alvin S. Alderfer, driving instructor at the school, said each pupil will spend 24 hours in the car and, in addition, one hour of night work. Since four pupils use the car at one time, this means that each one will get almost seven hours of actual driving practice behind the wheel.
The courses are conducted under the auspices of, and the instructors are trained by, the American Automobile association. AAA textbooks in the Sportsmanlike Driving series are used by the students in the classrooms.

Father Saves Children From Blazing Home

READING, Jan. 2 (P)—Two small children were rescued by their father from a second story window of their blazing farm home near Reiffton early today. The frame dwelling was destroyed with an estimated loss of \$10,000.
Joseph H. Herberin, 31, father, was outside the house with his wife when he saw smoke coming from the doorway because of the flames. Herberin placed a ladder against the house and made two trips to an upstairs bedroom to carry down Joseph Jr., 4, and Judith, 2.
Firemen from three nearby communities were summoned but were unable to check the flames before they destroyed the dwelling.

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CORDETS SYSTEM —

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offered the training they received under Dr. Cordts and had received credit for it for advanced degrees in education.
Of the decision of the school board to dismiss Dr. Cordts and with her, her teacher training program, Dr. Menhennette said shortly: "It is too bad to shut it off in that manner when it was beginning to show results."
Dr. J. Conrad Seggers, associate dean of the teacher's college at Temple university, vigorously supported the principle of the teacher training program.
"It is a perfectly sound principle," he asserted, "recommended by everyone."
The commission on teacher training has recommended the in-service teacher training program as the most effective way of helping teachers with their professional preparation.
"It is being done all over the country and has been in operation so long that it requires no defense."

GARBAGE —

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of garbage.
From the point of view of the contractor, who was awarded the contract, Nov. 25 for \$32,000, Dunn said some of the women apparently forgot about putting out the cans until they saw the trucks actually in the street, which slowed operations.
He added he was generally pleased with the householders' co-operation and expressed the hope they soon would get accustomed to the new collection system.

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STORM DAMAGE —

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town, where electric power was off most of the day, and temporary service was not restored until last night.
Other large sections that had been isolated for long periods as the result of falling poles and snapping wires were around Pine Forge, Schwenksville and Pennsburg, where power was operating on a temporary line, and was scheduled to be shut down completely early this morning for major repairs.

Around the Boyertown area, telephone service was particularly hard hit and last night even the line to the wire chest of the Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph company was out of order.
Near Shenkel, cedar trees were toppling by the dozen, especially on the estate of Dr. James Wendell, headmaster of The Hill, whose home also was left without a workable phone.

A Metropolitan Edison company official reported that in lower Berks county "poles were falling like a row of standing dominoes." He said that one of the dozen crews working steadily since 6 p. m. Thursday, would answer a call to fix one falling pole, and find five toppled on arrival.

Supervisors of both the Metropolitan and Philadelphia Electric crews promised their men would work until service was restored, though in some sections they admitted the dog-tired crewmen would have to quit early this morning after some 36 hours without rest.

Officials of utilities in the area were unable to make even an approximation of property damage. In most areas, they thought, it would be relatively light, despite the number of disruptions, because the worst damage had been to the lighter, single-line wires rather than the heavy, expensive cables, and because in most cases the damage could be repaired by using a few lengths of new wire or by pushing upright a toppled pole.

Reaching railroad trains were running late because of the ice-coated tracks and in many cases toppled telegraph poles and trees along the right of way.
Buses running between Stowe and Sanatoga could keep pretty close to schedule, but those running north to Boyertown were forced to fall behind.
In addition to those plagued with no lights and "dead" telephones, many families in outlying districts were shivering yesterday because long power failures had affected their oil burners or automatic stocking coal furnaces.

One fallen limb nearly cost the life of Norman Miller, St. Peters. Driving at dawn yesterday toward Knauertown, he saw a 15-foot limb in the dark road ahead. Before he

could stop, the jagged limb ripped through the windshield, broke the steering wheel and tore out the right rear corner of the car's body.
Traffic on the road was blocked for nearly four hours while garageman Roy Wunderlich, Knauertown, sawed off both ends of the limbs and then helped to tow away the car.
But Miller escaped without a scratch and was at work by noon.
And to the number of falling telephone poles was added one sheared off when hit yesterday by the car of Russell Gottshall, Spring City. His car skidded into a pole on Route 100 below Rambler Inn, shearing the pole clean at the base. He also escaped injury.
While the event of the ice-crooked areas denied mapping, the storm seemed to follow a jagged circle around Pottstown. The Berks was one of the few relatively unaffected areas, though there was a breaking-off of ice from South Pottstown to Ringing Rocks, from New Hanover to Pennsburg, and from Pottstown to Douglassville on the west and Limerick on the east.
In Chester county, some of the thickest ice was in Elverson, one of the high points of the section. The rain, sleet and snow that had fallen almost continuously since Thursday morning's 2 1/2 feet, but was still some eight feet below the flood stage.
The Perkiomen and Manatawny creeks had risen nearly a foot, and the ice on them had cracked yesterday and was pouring over dams. Delivery men with rural routes reported difficulties all through the day. Henry Acker, 238 Chestnut street, driver for the Schulz Baking company, said he found things especially tough around Rattlesnake Hill, where trees were over the road, and where it and surrounding communities were without lights from early yesterday morning until the afternoon.
Acker said that he found the most dangerous roads the ones on top of hills.
Rattlesnake Hill also was the scene of a major power failure early yesterday, when a high-tension line broke, then burst into sparks, which brought an emergency call to the West End Fire company.
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tion issued warnings for non-essential motorists to stay at home, and for all motorists to drive with extreme caution.
Their warnings apparently were heeded, for there was only one accident reported last night that caused serious injury.
Donald Kirk, 24, of 1113 South street, was in Memorial hospital with a concussion of the head and multiple cuts and bruises sustained when his car skidded into the rear of a Pottstown Rapid Transit company bus as it stopped to discharge passengers on Sanatoga Hill.
The front of Kirk's car was badly damaged and had to be towed to a garage.
The other accident of yesterday involved John Beader, 42, of Birdsboro, who was arrested in Kennelworth on a charge of drunken driving by Daniel W. Guclin, North Coteney police chief, who said he rammed the parked car of J. Elmer Mauger, Pottstown RD 1, early last night.

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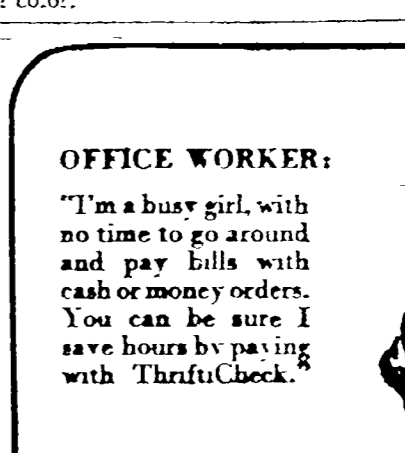
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The college, as a part of Reading's bi-centennial celebration, had promised a \$200 yearly scholarship for four years to the first Berks county baby born in 1948.
But college officials had not figured on twins. One arrived nine minutes before 1947 said goodbye and the other 30 seconds after the advent of the New Year calling for a possible double payoff. Dr. Harry Masters, president of Albright, said it was a matter for the board of trustees to decide.
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At Long Last

UNTIL yesterday, Pottstown was one of the most backward communities of its size in the nation when it came to disposing of garbage. Its citizens had to make private arrangements to take care of their tin cans, old bottles and ashes.

But, brightest of the new leaves that were turned early this January was the borough of Pottstown's municipal garbage-collection started. From all reports the first day's collection met with approval.

Pottstown was given another service by the government.

The collection of garbage by the municipality is FREE.

Some skeptical Pottstowners find this hard to believe. They remark: "I guess they'll add it to the taxes," the "they" meaning the borough council.

But Pottstown's borough council has no intention of adding the cost to the citizens' tax bill. IT'S A BOROUGH SERVICE.

The administration at borough hall has found revenues permit of giving this service to the public, a service the citizens have clamored for for years.

Now it is hoped Pottstown homeowners will guard well their right to FREE garbage collection service.

This they can do by sticking to the rules closely, to make no unreasonable demands of the collector.

The collector will take away garbage left on the curbs in suitable containers, left in back alleys easily accessible. He will not go into your cellar to shovel away your ashes. Don't expect it! Treat your collector as if you are paying fees for the collection. He'll give you better service!

Private rubbish-handlers have worried lest the new municipal plan would put them out of business. Undoubtedly a few will have to move into other lines.

But stores, restaurants, large buildings and industries will continue to make private arrangements to dispose of their rubbish. Even private citizens, wanting rubbish carried out of their basements or attics — something borough collectors will not do — may continue to hire rubbish handlers.

Many of the employees working for private rubbish-handlers will end up working for the contractor who has taken over the borough-wide job.

Do not too many persons have been injured by the progressive move of municipal garbage collection.

Now that the borough has taken over the job, those in power at borough hall should look toward improvement at the borough dumps.

Too many dumps at the edge of the borough are a nuisance.

Rubbish there often is set afire to burn for days, emitting smoke and stench. Rats live and multiply on the edibles.

The borough should look into less odious disposition of the garbage. There's no reason why citizens of Pottstown and nearby communities should suffer from an evil that's easily remedied.

Pottstown long has needed municipal garbage collection.

Borough authorities are to be congratulated in recognizing the will of the people.

Rationing Would Not Produce More Oil

THE proposal for the government to again be given authority to ration and fix the price of gasoline would in no way solve the oil problem and would, to the contrary, intensify it. That opinion was recently expressed by the top executive of one of the country's principal oil companies. He said:

"No matter how well-meant they may be, government efforts to 'divide shortages fairly' will not produce a single extra gallon of oil. They will only, discourage the normal processes of free competition in which 34,000 oil companies are now vying with each other trying to keep up with the greatest demand for oil products in all history."

The magnitude of the oil industry's achievements is not as widely known as it deserves to be. The end of the war, instead of bringing the expected decline in demand for oil, brought an ever-increasing demand. The industry is producing more oil products — and better quality oil products — than ever before.

Even now, the oil company executive said, "The margin between demand and supply is small and could be erased by only a little voluntary effort by consumers to hold down their needs while the industry works furiously to provide more facilities to enlarge the supply." Rationing would be a ruinous mistake in the case of oil or anything else.

Grampaw Oakley

PUNKIN CORNERS,
January 2,
Dear Sir W. Brothers:
Wal, the holidays are over. The period of tough turkey is past. Grampaw is happy over the whole business. Once more his body battered set of store teeth can enjoy a rest!

According to a news item in a farm publication, a hog never overalls. That makes him the most muddled of animals!

And say: The United States isn't the only one with a cold war on its hands. Pottstown has one. The fuel oil men are thinking of rationing oil! Hopin' you air the same.

GRAMPANED OAKLEY

Party Affiliations Peril Boro Welfare

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By MERCURY READERS

Eliminate Politics

To the Editor: Why does there have to be so much politics in the administration of borough affairs?

First the school board, after declaring that politics would be injected into its affairs, dismissed its solicitor, G. Edmund Wells, who did some very fine work and performed valuable services for the taxpayers of Pottstown, for none but political reasons.

Now along comes borough council with the same idea and gets rid of Mr. Wells in favor of Carroll Rutter who is a Democrat. Once more its politics and politics alone that eliminates an experienced, courageous and conscientious public servant for party reasons.

I do not know either Mr. Wells or Mr. Rutter so I hold no personal brief for either of them, but I do know from what I have read and from what I have heard that Mr. Wells does not deserve the treatment he is getting.

It's time the people of Pottstown, who are furnishing the money for the administration of borough affairs, see to it that their money is being spent wisely and prudently and their government operated efficiently. Any other course of procedure is ridiculous.

The people should recognize that the politicians are in the game for what money they can get out of the taxpayers and for no other reason. They should be swept out of power and men put and retained in public office solely on the basis of their qualifications.

Pottstown TAXPAYER

UMT Issues Ignored

To the Editor: 1948 will bring a definite drive by the military for universal military training. It will be aided and abetted by well meaning educators, businessmen, industrialists and labor leaders. The sheer psychological "drawing power" of these people will make practically impossible the consideration of the views held by the opposition.

Certain fundamentals are lightly passed over in the drive for UMT. For example, a work or light labor whereby labor and industry would be conscripted and profits eliminated, and a real reorganization of the armed forces. Can anyone justify profits in wartime or the differences in food, quarters and clothing (equipment) that are tolerated in the services between officers and enlisted personnel? In a culture that worships the dollar I suppose there is to be a difference in pay for a difference in responsibility but that is the extent of any differences that should be tolerated in the services.

Pottstown T. L. R.

FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

By VICTOR F. PATTERSON
General Secretary Y.M.C.A.

"I HAVE SAID THIS TO YOU, THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE."
John 16:33

YOU WILL NEVER HAVE PEACE OF MIND AS LONG AS YOU:
Try to overcome man's disorder without God's grace.
Say, "How can there be a God when such dreadful things are happening?"
Doubt His presence and power in the world.

Simply have a shadowy belief in a remote Deity, believe, "according to your faith be it done unto you."
Look upon life as an end in itself.

Do not realize that all peace comes from God, and to find it we must find Him.

Have the kind of conception of God that fails to stand up in times of stress and crisis.

Fail to find love or meaning in this great universe, therefore never attain a right relationship between self and a spiritual reality.

Look upon religion as necessary perhaps for weaklings and cowards, but unacceptable to the trained scientific mind.

Have belief in God that is highly conditional.

Worship God only morbidly.
Cannot transcend inner anxiety.
Have no confidence in yourself, are afraid of your hidden impulses.

YOU WILL ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF AN UNEXHAUSTED SPIRIT AND THE TRANQUILITY WHICH ARISES OUT OF TRUST IN CHRIST WHEN YOU:
Can say daily Christ is mine, and I am crucified with Him.
Realize you can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth you.

Daily put yourself into the keeping of an all-conquering Lord.

Can show by the Christian life that you do justly more than others because of your faith.

Live a life that is charged with divine significance.

Are passionately interested in human justice and mercy.

Are constructively working and thinking and teaching to inspire others spiritually.

Have a feeling in all that you say or do that God is depending on you.
Think of yourself as a responsible co-worker with God.

Begin to feel that you are indispensable to God.

Can stand undismayed in the presence of grief.

Respect truth and tell it with kindness and firmness to all those with whom you come in contact.

Eisenhower Popularity Worries Politicians

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 — A definite anti-Eisenhower movement has developed among Republican politicians as they note that the retiring Chief of Staff and future head of Columbia University stands near the top of the list in all public and private polls of possible presidential candidates to oppose Harry Truman.

Despite the high regard in which the Kansas is held by the American people, the professional polls do not intend to let him crash their gate if they can prevent it.

It was no accident that an anti-Eisenhower man gave out a twisted version of his disson of remedies for the high cost of living at the recent dinner party of Pennsylvania bigwigs at the Capital.

DRAFT: The remark falsely attributed to General Eisenhower — namely, that a 100 percent excess profits tax should be imposed if manufacturers refuse to reduce prices — has hurt him in many quarters. If he entertains any political aspirations.

He cannot answer it while he is in uniform, and if he refuses it when he quits the Army, as friends have advised him to do, he will, in effect, be announcing that he is an active candidate for the nomination.

And, as his political assistants have also pointed out, any formal or informal, direct or indirect suggestion that he is a candidate, would do him harm. His prudent strategy, their opinion, is to look the other way to be non-receptive and make it appear that, like F. D. R. in 1940 and 1944 he is submitting to a peacetime draft.

AMBITIOUS: An awful lot of bosh has been written about the Eisenhower candidacy, and it is time to debunk it, to wit:

First, he is a Republican in thought, if not in registration and voting. Although E. D. R. was his Commander-in-Chief, he had a great distaste for Mr. Roosevelt's domestic policies. He has said, privately, that he thought they undermined the American qualities of independence and self-reliance.

Secondly, he would like the nomination if he can win it without seeming to scheme for it. According to his fellow-officers, he is running so fast and so hard for it that his "coat-tails are streaming in the wind."

Despite his seeming sweetness and naivete, he is regarded as one of the most ambitious men in the military family.

ACCEPT: In their present mood, the Republican bosses will accept General Eisenhower only if they conclude, six months from now, that no other man can defeat President Truman. Any sign of strength on the latter's part between now and the June convention at Philadelphia will be a gain for the military man.

The GOP's most recent analysis of public sentiment leads them to believe that their orthodox and ordainable leaders—Senator Robert A. Taft, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Harold E. Stassen and Governor Earl Warren of California—would not, as of the moment, have more than a fair chance of victory.

This estimate may, of course, undergo revision between now and nominating time because of January-June developments and imponderables.

POSSIBILITY: If Mr. Truman's stock slumps badly in the first half of the New Year, due to rising prices at home and difficulties abroad, look for a Dewey or Taft nomination, with Stassen as a possibility for the second spot. Or perhaps Governor Warren, if he will take it as a stepping-stone to the Supreme Court.

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YOUR HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

INFECTION of the external ear canal can be one of the most painful of ailments. If neglected and allowed to spread to the inner structures of the ear, it can also be a dangerous threat to hearing.

For both these reasons it is most fortunate that today we have certain ointments which, properly applied, will assure a prompt cure in most cases. The best and speediest results, of course, occurring with early treatment.

Nobody who has inflammation of the external ear canal will remain long in doubt about the advisability of consulting a doctor, because the disorder proclaims itself by a good many uncomfortable symptoms. Pain is often cruel, particularly if swelling is great; there is severe itching of the ear and tenderness at the angle of the jaw. Pain is likely to be worse at night.

On examination, crusts are usually seen around the opening of the ear canal and the ear lobe. The ear canal is swollen and narrow, and dead tissue cells are usually present. When the ear canal is cleaned, the wall is often found to be inflamed. Sometimes blisters containing blood are seen on the canal wall and on the ear drum.

In carrying out the treatment, the ear canal is thoroughly cleansed with hydrogen peroxide; then dried with cotton or gauze. A piece of gauze, about one-quarter inch long and about two inches wide, is saturated with the proper ointment and placed in the canal. It is left in place about two days and is then replaced with a fresh piece of gauze. After about three treatments, the interval may be lengthened to three, then four days and, finally, a week.

When all of the secretions have disappeared, a preparation known as Castellani's paint may be applied to the tissue. The patient is re-examined in about a month, just to make sure the disorder has not recurred.

In those instances in which blisters containing blood are present, the blisters may be opened, if they are producing pain. Otherwise they should not be disturbed.

One of the most important parts of the treatment is keeping the tissues clean. They should be thoroughly cleansed and dried each time before a new wax is put in place. Water should be kept out of the ears.



HOLLYWOOD NEWS

Morgan Pic to Wow Horse Racers

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 2 — Boxing circles raised the roof over some of the unsavory angles of the fight game pictured in "Body and Soul", but the next set of sportsmen to be made unhappy will be the horsemen — when the Henry Morgan picture, "So This is New York" is released. There's a long sequence that satirizes fixed races — and Morgan's cracks on the subject won't make turf enthusiasts jump with joy.

The other day we told you about the Brentwood theatre which supplies baby-sitters for its shopping mommas, etc., and how its business has been booming. We have a letter from its manager, which ends, "The thing which started as a simple gag has reached such proportions that we now have hundreds of applications for sitters. Possibly I could get some six-foot, dark haired gentlemen as sitters for lonely females."

This, of course, would be a strictly public relations job — and not help the box office.

Peggy Kaudson, who is getting around more than a spiral staircase, was at Mocombo with Mickey Houston. Joan Barton with Arthur Little there too. Four-year-old Sandra Sadeen (whose mother is a cripple) does radio shows and is carrying a career for herself in movies already. She went to San Quentin to be on that battleship New Years day jamboree — the youngest performer ever to appear there.

Sir Alexander Korda kept a band of Scottish bagpipers at a London Airport for several days to serenade David Niven when he was expected to arrive for work in "Bonnie Prince Charlie." Instead, Dave arrived on an unscheduled day at a ridiculous hour — at Southampton instead!

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50 Years Ago

January 3, 1898

NONAGARIAN DIES — Jacob S. Root, 91, died at his home here where he had resided for the past 20 years. He was born at Root's Landing, North Coventry township, and was a carpenter and farmer.

COAL OFFICE ROBBED — The coal office of Frank Missimer, Queen street, was broken into last night. The thief made off with Missimer's overcoat.

SUFFERERS BROKEN LEG — Hiram Jones, 526 Chestnut street, fell at his home and fractured a leg. Dr. S. B. Swavely is attending him.

SQUIRE NEIMAN CELEBRATES — Justice of the Peace Jonathan M. Neiman, is 68 years old today.

25 Years Ago

January 3, 1923

PLAN NEW BOROUGH HALL — Steps toward the erection of a new borough hall were taken by borough council last night. Burgess John K. Kink and Councilman F. Brooke Binder urged the building of a new structure. Council defeated by a vote of 11 to 3 a plan for municipal garbage collection.

WEDDING EVENT — Miss Elizabeth I. Conrad, of 238 North Charlotte street, was married to Daniel J. Keene, son of Peter Keene, 240 King street. The ceremony was performed in the St. Aloysius Catholic church rectory by the Rev. William A. Wachter.

HOSPITAL ELECTION — Mrs. John B. Evans was re-elected president of the board of managers of Pottstown hospital. It was reported the King's Daughters room, dedicated to the memory of Annie Engle, is ready for use.

10 Years Ago

January 3, 1938

COUNCIL TO REORGANIZE — Borough council will reorganize tonight when Jesse R. Evans, re-elected Burgess, and ten new councilmen will be sworn into office by Judge George C. Corson, of the Montgomery county court.

PLAN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUNDS — The Lower Pottsgrove township school board is backing a plan of citizens to establish a community playground at the consolidated school grounds on Pleasant View road. James W. Keim presided at the meeting.

AGED RESIDENT INJURED — Mark Yerger, 80, of 406 Walnut street, suffered a fractured hip bone when he slipped on an icy sidewalk.

OUTLINES KIWANIS PROGRAM — President Carroll L. Rutter outlined the year's program of the Kiwanis club. Vice Presidents Harry A. Keene and Eugene Smith also made addresses.

Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLAN

Jottings in Pencil
NEW TREND in Gotham's cafe society: locals with a yen for psychoanalysis but not enough money to visit a psychiatrist daily have invested in those tape recording machines. They talk all about themselves by the hour, listen to the recordings over and over again, and the result is: so many!

Philadelphians are raving about the Horatio Alger ballet in the new revue "Make Mine Manhattan" It stars Nellie Fisher, who returned from Hollywood for the show, and Ray Harrison who left "Allegro" for it.

Put Humphreys and Ruth Hollingsworth and Foran Pardo of the glitter set are hunting they'll wait down the aisle before 1948 is very far along.

Nicky Blair is pleading with George Jessel to stay another two weeks at the Carnival.

The musicians' union has warned that all performers who are caught "black marking" the disc ban will be put on a black list, and other musicians will refuse to work with them.

Visitors returning from Hollywood report that it's chic for cinema glamour boys to be gray — anything from pepper and salt to silver. Among these means is fashionable: Ray Milland, Spencer Tracy, Robert Montgomery and Ronald Colman.

Jane Keane of "Call Me Mister" has been snowed out in Manhattan. Missed three performances because of the Big Fall.

Donald Friede, one-time theatrical angel and boy publisher, needs a title for his soon-to-appear book of reminiscences of the twenties. If you can think of one, there's a C-note waiting for you at Knopf's.

Mayor O'Dwyer, who said he would "forget all about New York" while he's on his western jaunt, nevertheless receives almost hourly communications from his staff in City Hall.

Washington scoutbait has it that the increasing influx of alcoholics into Veterans Administration hospitals is worrying that department.

Jack Durant, the comedian, returned from England with a bolt of cloth given to him by the Duke of Edinburgh. He's to present it to Bob Hope to make up for the suits Hope left behind in London when he attended the Edina-Philip wedding.

A six-day bike race is in the making in Gotham. Edna Ryan, who almost married Leo Durocher, made it this time with Jack Leonard.

A former musical comedy star, who is well on the way to MGM screen fame, has her studio worried because of her close connection with left-wing activities.

Jan Sterling, the glamour girl, is back in town looking wistful. Friends wonder if she's still carrying the torch for that same lad — an actor-director.

Returnees from Italy report that the talk of "Lucky" Luciano going into the motion picture business over there is unfounded.

Most embarrassing sight of the week: a famous dancer's toupee slipped off in a Lindy's. He caught it just before it landed in his soup!

Worse 'Infidelity'... Marshall Named...

NOT WORST CRIME — Here's an opinion that may prove a shocker:

Sexual unfaithfulness is not the worst crime a woman can commit in marriage, writes Judge A. J. Maestretti, who has presided over hundreds of Reno divorce trials, in the January issue of Today's woman magazine. The so-called "little infidelities" of wives are far more important than actual physical unfaithfulness as a contributing factor in America's annual toll of 500,000 divorces, says the judge of Nevada's Second Judicial District.

CHIEF AMONG these infidelities to their marriage vows are the wife's selfishness, extravagance, personal slovenliness, vanity, feeling superior to her husband, transference of affection from him to their children and resentment of having abandoned a career for marriage. All too many women, the judge has found, are unaware that unfaithfulness in marriage entails far more than sexual infidelity. He sees no immediate change for the better, since women's "little infidelities" are "fixed so firmly in the soft, selfish philosophy" of present-day life.

MAN OF THE YEAR — Secretary of State George C. Marshall is the "man of the year," according to Time, the weekly news magazine. Time's annual "man of the year" choice is based on the "man who had the biggest rise in fame during the year, and who, more than anyone else, changed the news for better or worse."

Citing Marshall as "man of the year" Time says, "It was in 1947 that the US people, not quite realizing the full import of their act, perhaps not yet mature enough to accept all its responsibilities, took upon their shoulders the leadership of the world."

"SOME AMERICANS" were still unaware of the step their nation had taken. Some knew that it had to be taken; some, either through fear or lack of imagination or lack of knowledge, were unwilling to follow. But the central fact remained: If the 20th century world was to secure its freedoms, the U. S. would have to supply leadership; doing less might even jeopardize its own freedom.

"No one man was responsible for 1947's great step. Like many fateful decisions, it sprang only partly from the brain. It was an act brought about by events, and their steady, unending hammering on the U. S. sense of justice. But one man symbolized the U. S. action. He was Secretary of State George Marshall. As the man who offered hope to those who desperately needed it, he was the Man of the Year."

SATURDAY SNICKER — The two men hadn't met for about 15 years. "And is your wife as pretty as she used to be?" the first asked.

"Oh, yes," said the second, "but it takes her much longer."

The Worry Clinic
By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE
SYBIL P., 24,

Banquet Planned By Members Of Cohere Club

Plans for a banquet were made last night by members of the Cohere club when they met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill, 520 North Charlotte street.

Mrs. Elwood Hipple, past-president, was in charge of the meeting. Nomination of officers was held with the following results: Miss Joyce Hill, president; Mrs. Mary Ellis, vice president; Mrs. Emma Cummins, secretary, and Mr. Frank Elliott, treasurer.

Games were played and the pin-in-the-box was won by Miss Sandra Hipple and Mr. Morris Bixing.

Refreshments were served to Mr. Elwood Hipple, David Hipple, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kulp and daughter, Linda, Miss Pearl Fillman, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ellis and Mr. Harry Cummins.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Pearl Fillman, 1036 Queen street, on Feb. 6.

Frank Ferez to Wed Miss Mercedes Cain

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Wilke, 384 North Charlotte street, announced the engagement of the daughter, Mercedes Cain, to Mr. Frank A. Ferez, son of Mrs. Rose Ferez, 305 Elm street, Stowe.

Miss Cain is a graduate of the Reading Catholic High school, class of 1945, and is employed as a secretary in the laboratory department of the Pottstown hospital.

Mr. Ferez is a graduate of the West Pottstown High school, class of 1942. He is employed at the Columbia Bolder company in Stowe. No date has been set for the wedding.

HOSPITALS

POTTSTOWN—Admitted: Charles Merkel, Gilbertville, surgical; Mrs. Leewood, 501 High street, medical; Brenda Smith, 863 First avenue, surgical; Clyde Spangler, Frederick, surgical; William Rhoads, 268 North York street, medical; Madeline Morella, Pottstown RD 3, medical; Franklin Stehman, Penn Village, surgical; Alice Moser, Gilbertville, surgical; Edgar Reese, 325 South Hanover street, South Pottstown, medical.

Discharged: Anna Szyver, Stowe, surgical; Charles Medinger, 340 Lincoln avenue, medical; James Hickey Jr., South Boston, Va., surgical; Betty June Bodolus, Hildale, maternity; William Schaeffer, Boyertown RD 1, surgical; Merit D. Wien, Hildale, medical.

MEMORIAL—Admitted: Mrs. Catherine Yerger, 461 Farmington avenue, surgical; Elizabeth Bernberger, Rahns, maternity; Ronald Kirk, 1113 South street, surgical.

Discharged: Patricia Monjar, Pottstown RD 2, medical; Mrs. Ada Bauer, 125½ Warren street, surgical.

SALFORD

Mrs. Charles Fure, corr. E. Y. Oelschlaeger, delivery, Phone Schenckville 2451.

Miss May Stropand, of Scranton, is spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bubel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris and children, of Shamokin, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Heath.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bergey spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Hackman at Lansdale.

Mrs. Clifford Landes and son spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Child at Collegeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker and Mrs. Della Wertz spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Klemperer and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Klemperer in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hackett of Philadelphia spent Christmas with Mrs. Katie Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Radlach of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Radlach, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baghurst spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. John Kershaw at Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. F. W. Zieler spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Harpel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Macken, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Macken.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kolb and daughter, Schenckville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gerhard.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and sons, of East Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. William Grouthamel, of Southerton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walters.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE
IF TODAY is your birthday anniversary, be happy, for your affairs will prosper in the next year; help comes in many ways, especially from elderly people being particularly helpful. Expand your business.

HOROSCOPE FOR SUNDAY
THE stellar portents for your immediate future are of good augury, so have a happy birthday. Expected and unexpected success in love and business are evidenced. You may safely prefer requests and forge ahead.

Today
Nancy Featner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Featner, Pottstown RD 4.

Richard Yerger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Yerger, 949 Queen street.

Donna Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berry, 22 South Hanover street.

Doris Lorraine Wentzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wentzel, 455 Chestnut street.

Arlene Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Smith, 420 North York street.

Ruth Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rinnard Moyer, 552 Willow street.

Doris Pearl Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Fry, 363 Laurel street.

Arthur Fry, Brinsboro RD 1.

James G. Jacketh, Fairview street, Stowe.

Bernadette Mary Barachak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian J. Barachak, 621 Walnut street, aged 11 years.

Mark O. Heller, Trumbauersville.

Yesterday
Wilson D. High 612 North Evans street, aged 79 years.

Tomorrow
Marcia Hilda Prince, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Prince, 1309 Queen street, aged 11 years.

Sharon Lucille Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmerman, 209 East street.

Warren Eshbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Eshbach, Pottstown RD 4.

Theodore Dallas Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dallas Sr., 1134 High street.

Doris Ruth Sowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sowers, 36 West Fourth street.

Daniel Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gerber, 845 South street.

Joyce Hartline, daughter of Mr. Edward Hartline, 607 North Evans street.

John Sotter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sotter, 833 North Franklin street.

FAGLEYSVILLE
Mrs. Dorothy Geisler, corr. Phone Pottstown 793-J-4, J. Ernest Berghof delivery.

Mrs. Mahlon Greiner and son, Billy, of Allentown, are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Greiner and family.

Bob Herrin, of Quakertown, Pa., R. T. Holden Herrin, Norfolk, Va., both of the U. S. Navy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller and family, of Mt. Penn, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hollowbush, of Pleasant Run, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Warfel and family during the holidays.

Miss June Webster, of New York City, N. Y., spent several days with the Carlos Webster family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geisler and Herbert B. Wagner spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, Glenside.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reminger, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Landis and Mr. and Mrs. William Acker spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geisler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geisler spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oswin Geisler and family.

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Woman's Page

CLUB NEWS

WEDDINGS

Bride-Elect



Miss Helen V. Sperat is engaged to Mr. James V. Ottaviano. Their betrothal was announced at a New Year's Day dinner and party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sperat Sr., 404 Cherry street. No date has been set for the wedding.

Marriage License Business Dropped 17 Percent in '47

By Staff Correspondent
NORRISTOWN, Jan. 2 — Applications for permits at the marriage license bureau in the courthouse declined by 17 percent during 1947 as compared to the previous year, Chief Clerk John W. Guest Jr. announced today.

There were 2876 couples who applied during the year just closed as compared to 3500 in 1946. December was the lowest month from the viewpoint of applications. Only 148 permits were issued during this period. High month naturally was June with 361. May was close behind with 313.

Monthly totals were: January, 206; February, 164; March, 192; April, 253; May, 313; June, 361; July, 210; August, 287; September, 290; October, 254; November, 198; December, 148.

Mary Houck Engaged To Mr. Austin Lammey

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Houck, Elverson, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary N. to Mr. Austin E. Lammey, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Park Lammey, Elverson.

Miss Houck a graduate of Warwick High school, class of 1947, is employed by the Vaughan Knitting company, is assistant organist of the Mt. Carmel Methodist church in Elverson, and a teacher of piano. Mr. Lammey is a painter by trade. No wedding date has been set.

Social Calendar

King's Daughters—Christmas party today from 2 to 4 p. m. at home of Miss Irene Boyer, 227 Beech street.

Ladies' auxiliary of the Pottstown hospital—Meeting on Monday at 2:30 o'clock in the Nurses home. All members were urged to attend.

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Peiffer-Riese

Nuptials Performed

Miss Berne Arlene Peiffer, Spring City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Peiffer, Pottstown RD 1, was recently married to Mr. Ronald Ernest Riese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riese, 414 Walnut street, at the bridegroom's home.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles F. Salheld, pastor.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in an aqua crepe dress trimmed with sequins. Her accessories were black trimmed with gold and she wore a corsage of white roses.

Miss June York, maid of honor, wore a brown and white two piece dress and brown accessories. Her corsage consisted of pink carnations.

George Parfitt was the best man. Mrs. Peiffer, the bride's mother, wore a blue dress with black accessories. Able Mrs. Riese chose a black dress with black accessories. Her accessories were white carnations.

A luncheon was served following the ceremony at the home of the bridegroom.

For her honeymoon trip to Newark, N. J., Mrs. Riese chose a black dress trimmed in beads and black accessories.

The couple will live at Mr. Riese's home after their return.

The bride was graduated from Spring City High school, class of 1946, and is employed at the Sycora Knitting company in Spring City. The bridegroom served in the Navy and is employed at Pollock's Machine shop, Royersford.

Captain Anna Keeley, Boston, Mass., spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Keeley, 839 South street. Captain Keeley is a member of the Wacs.

Victor Czukoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czukoski, Phoenixville, recently celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lessig, 518 East Race street, Stowe.

Miss Sonia—Stein spent part of the holiday season in New York City, N. Y., as the guest of Miss Ellen Siegel. Both are students at Syracuse university, Syracuse, N. Y.

GREEN LANE
Mrs. Paul R. Nester, corr. Phone Baywood 2291, K. Hendricks, delivery.

Miss Nancy Lee Sauerland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sauerland, of North Wales, is spending the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sauerland, of Gravel pike.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ernst entertained Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fox and family of Perkiomen Heights. Miss Alice Kemmerer, of Norristown, and Robert Kemmerer, of Philadelphia on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boyer, of Red Hill spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reiter.

Miss Mildred Strunk, of the Green Lane teaching staff, spent the holidays with her mother in Norristown.

Mr. Elmer Reiter Sr. and son, Elmer Jr., were in Pottstown the past Wednesday.

To keep a tape measure neat and easy to use, wind it on an empty adhesive-tape spool.

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Engaged



The future bride of Mr. John Curtis Longacre, is Miss Gloria A. Wenrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton Rhoads, 256 King street, whose engagement was recently announced. No wedding date has been set.

Asbury Bible Class Holds Christmas Party

A combined meeting and Christmas party was held recently by members of the Asbury Bible class of the First Methodist church in the parsonage, 414 High street.

Devotions and a poem, "Christmas Meditations," were read by Mrs. Sidney Graham. Mrs. Doris Merkel read the scripture.

Group singing of Christmas carols was led by Mrs. Edward Street.

A program was given by the following: Marlene Cannell, pianist; Mary Joan Czarick and Joan Banks, who gave several readings, a duet by Ruth Callahan and Shirley Baer and Mrs. Elsie Pike. Mrs. Dorothy McMonigal, Mrs. Graham, Miss Callahan and Miss Baer, who formed a quartet.

An unidentified Santa Claus appeared and presented gifts to each member.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Horace Olevier, Mrs. Ralph Spare, Mrs. Hilda West, Mrs. Gladys Parnell, Mrs. Harvey Murray, Mrs. Florence Weiss, Mrs. Jenny Wagner and Mrs. Jonathan Houck.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 22.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
Application for a marriage license was made at the Montgomery county courthouse, Norristown, by Willard A. Wade, Philadelphia, and Alice B. Wanamaker, 315 King street.

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Charles G. Trout to Wed Miss Gloria A. Wenrich

The engagement of Miss Gloria A. Wenrich, daughter of Mr. Annie W. Wenrich, 12 Main street, Mohnton, to Carl J. Trout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Trout, 649 Rhoads avenue, Boyertown, was announced at a New Year's eve party at which Mr. and Mrs. Trout were host and hostess.

Miss Wenrich is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental Hygiene school and is at present employed as dental hygienist in the office of a Shillington dentist. She is also a graduate of Mohnton high school, class of 1943, where she was business manager of the yearbook.

Trout was graduated the past month from Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, in the school of business administration. He is a graduate of Boyertown High school, class of 1941, where he, too, was business manager of the high school annual.

Present at the party were Betty Lou Corvill, Harrisburg; William T. Minshall, Rosedale; Connie Hill, West Chester; Thea John, Lucknow, N. Y.; Bernard Yeager, Mt. Penn; Lillian Hart and Harry Hawman, Reading; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rothenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Y. Esbach and daughter, Sherry Ann and Charles R. Trout Jr.

No date has been set for the wedding.

RED HILL
Shirley M. Reed, corr. Dale Miller, delivery, Phone Pottstown 4671.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mosley, Hatfield RD, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daugherty, Main street.

James Sell, Powder Valley, called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bray, Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benner and daughter, East Greenville, visited Mr. Benner's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Benner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reiter, Sixth street, observed their 44th wedding anniversary at a dinner at their home recently. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. William Bergey and daughter, June, Perkiomenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greulich and family, East Greenville.

The Red Hill Girl Scouts held their annual Christmas party recently in the meeting room of the Red Hill fire house. Refreshments were served and gifts were exchanged.

The Red Hill Senior Girl Scouts held their first Christmas party recently at the Red Hill fire house. Secret pals had been drawn and the girls exchanged gifts. Refreshments were served later.

Tomato juice and gelatin are the basic ingredients of a cool, delicious tomato jelly salad.

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BEATRICE FAIRFAX'S

Advice to the Lovelorn Girl Not Honest With Herself

Dear Miss Fairfax:
I am 18 years old and out of high school, and have a job as a secretary. Each week I like a different boy, but usually after about a week I entirely forget him and turn my eyes to a new prospect.

This last week, in fact, has been a little different, however, as I have met a boy about whom I have myself daydreamed all the time, instead of going after one of my many, as I have the chance. As I don't want to "go for" him, I should I lead this boy on by eating him?

Pottstown "UNDECIDED"

Dear "Undecided":
First of all, I am afraid that you are not being very honest with yourself, or with me, either, in saying that you "do not ever care to get married." Any normal girl wants to get married, and I think she doesn't, there is some psychological reason for it, which she had better find out and face squarely before she gets any older.

Your question about whether or not you should "lead this boy on by eating

Boyer town

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Borough Government Activities Take Lead Among Boyertown's Best '47 News Stories

By HARRY GILBERT
(Staff Correspondent)

What were the "ten best" news stories in Boyertown during the past year?

Selection of any "ten best" is always risky and in the field of news, perhaps most risky of all. But here goes!

Oddly enough, the best stories were of the category that the newsman regards as routine. The year 1947 in Boyertown was marked by an absence of such events as spectacular fires, accidents or crimes. But nonetheless, events of great significance to the town did take place.

The ten stories which follow are arranged in the order of importance. Six of the ten concern borough government and its allied fields of activity.

The most persistent story of the year was the efforts of Boyertown Realty company to enlist the support of borough council to its new housing developments on Highland street by supplying certain utilities, particularly water pipe, to residents there. What made it doubly impressive was council's firm refusal to do so on at least three occasions. The issue still isn't dead and will come up at future council meetings.

Next and closely allied was the story of how Boyertown grew by some 37 acres when council adopted an ordinance on April 7, favoring annexation of Dr. Walter Smithson's tract, previously situated in Colebrookdale township.

Third, affecting the lives of every resident in Boyertown was a borough council's decision the past July 7 to kill any proposal for municipal operation of the electric system here. Private operation by Metropolitan Edison company will continue in the borough as a result of the unanimous decision.

Fourth, there were changes in the police department, too. Arthur B. Heere, former chief, turned in his resignation on Aug. 4, and shortly thereafter Henry E. Groff, a patrolman at the time of Heere's resignation, was upgraded to chief. Grant M. Groff was acting as the third regular policeman at the November meeting. One month later, council took the steps necessary to begin operation of a police pension plan.

But for sheer drama, no news story of 1947 came closer to the accounts of the return of servicemen who were killed in action overseas and whose bodies were returned to their families in the area the past Fall.

Among those of immediate local interest were Pvt. Robert L. Grebe, Boyertown RD 1, son of Mr. and

Justice of Peace Reports 180 Cases Heard During 1947

A combined total of 180 cases which were docketed were heard during 1947 by Earl H. Keim, justice of the peace, 133 North Walnut street, Boyertown, according to a report released yesterday.

Civil suits accounted for the greatest number of hearings. A total of 105 cases were heard and judgments rendered amounting to \$5373.85, of which \$2974.31 has been paid either directly to claimants or through Keim's office. Only two cases were appealed to the court and one was settled before it was listed for trial.

Seven nonsupport and desertion cases accounted for the greatest number of criminal cases. Others in this category follow: Fornication and bastardy, 5; assault and battery, 3; assault and battery and surety of the peace, 3; aggravated assault and battery, 1; issuing worthless checks and conspiracy, 4; issuing worthless checks, 3; malicious desertion and abandonment of destitute wife and minor children, 1; larceny by bailor, 1; burglary, larceny and receiving stolen goods, 2; involving four persons; unlawfully selling goods under levy, 1; fraudulently removing goods under levy, 1; resisting an officer, 1; disorderly conduct, 1; defendant committed to prison in default of \$10 fine;

Essential Vehicles Replace Rush Hour Jam



Trucks and cars of essential users move along the roadways of Manhattan Bridge at New York City during a morning rush hour. The usual heavy jam was eliminated by order of Police Commissioner Wallender barring the streets to non-essential vehicles during the emergency brought about by last week's record snowfall. Scene was made at the Manhattan approach looking toward Brooklyn.

fraudulent conversion, 2; drunk and disorderly conduct, 1, fined \$10 which was paid to the county. There was also one game law violation involving two hunters who each paid \$20 fine, the money being remitted to the Commonwealth.

Auto violations enriched the borough treasury \$34 during the past year, while the Commonwealth netted \$225 and Earl township, \$25. A breakdown of automotive cases follows: Traffic light violations, 15, for which \$85 fines were assessed; reckless driving, 4, with three fines of \$10 each; stop sign violation, 1; illegal passing, 1, fined \$10; failure to have motor vehicle registered, 1, fined \$10; driving without registration plate, 1; U-turns, 1, fined \$3; operating motor cars while under suspension, 2, one fined \$100 and another case returned to the court which also assessed a \$100 fine; operating auto without operator's card, 1, fined \$50; failing to stop on siren and not identifying self, 1, fined \$30; failure to change address, 1, fined \$5; failure to exhibit cards, 1; illegal parking, 4, two fined \$2 each; driving too fast in restricted area, 1, fined \$10; operating motor car too close to fire, 1, fined \$10, and same subject also fined \$15 for driving over fire hose.

A breakdown of the arrests made by local officers brought before Squire Keim shows the following: William H. S. Moyer, 7; Chief Henry E. Groff, 6; Douglas R. Zook, 6; former Chief Arthur B. Heere, 4; Nathan S. Fegley, 2; John Wadinski, 1. State police brought five cases, fire police, one case, and individuals, one. Fines for 1947 amounted to \$334.

Keim has served four years of his first six-year term and during that time has docketed 137 criminal cases, 120 automobile violations, and 216 civil cases. Fines during the same period in criminal cases resulted in a total of \$267.50 paid to

either the borough or county or Commonwealth.

Automobile violators paid a total of \$284 to the borough in the four years of Keim's term, while \$195 was paid by them to the Commonwealth and \$25 to a neighboring township.

Civil cases involving less than \$300 resulted in the collection of more than \$5500 for clients. Total amount of all judgments was \$9750.54.

During this four-year period, Keim was responsible for bringing a new industry, Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc., into the town. It now employs many local people in the former John Blood Hosiery building located at the corner of South Franklin and East Second streets.

His office has also directed emphasis upon selling vacant land and interesting new owners in its development. During the past year three large tracts were sold — the lot on which Quigley brothers are now erecting a modern garage on South Reading avenue; part of the triangle on Engelsville road on which William S. Moyer is building a new garage and service station; and the Boyertown Ore company tract which was purchased by Boyertown Auto Body Works, Inc. and on which buildings will be erected for the further expansion of the local industry.

Nearly \$350,000 in real estate has been sold in the three years that Keim has interested himself in this phase of the work permitted under his commission as a justice.

DEATHS - FUNERALS

JOHN H. DIEROLS, husband of the late Sophia (Wetzel) Dierols, died last night in the home of Mrs. Hettie Batz, NEW HANOVER, where he resided for the past 14 years. He had been ill for several months.

A son of the late William and Sarah (Moyer) Dierols, he was a member of Zionville Lutheran church and Emmaus Beneficial association.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Anne Eno, Boyertown, a son, William, Pottsville, a brother, Charles, Zionville; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the Batz residence, New Hanover, Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. Services will be conducted by the Revs. D. C. Kaufman and James N. Blatt in Zionville Lutheran church with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

BOYERTOWN CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, the Rev. D. F. Longenecker, pastor, Sunday, 9 a. m., Bible school, 9:30 a. m., service, 10 a. m., catechetical class, 6:30 p. m., Luther League, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Ladies Aid Society, Tuesday, 7 p. m., Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m., annual inspiration, meeting, 7:30 p. m., church school, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., church council, Thursday, 7 p. m., Girl Scouts, Friday, 2:30 p. m., Junior choir, 6 p. m., Gospel choir, 8 p. m., Senior choir.

Church of the Good Shepherd Evangelical and Reformed, the Rev. H. L. Seaneck, pastor, Sunday, 9 a. m., church school, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion, Monday, 7 p. m., Boy Scouts, 8 p. m., executive board of Communion's brotherhood, Wednesday, 6:30 p. m., Young Adult choir, 7:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m., Consistory, Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Women's guild, 6:30 p. m., Mission board, 7 p. m., Chapel choir, Friday, 7 p. m., Junior choir, 7:30 p. m., Senior choir.

Trinity Reformed Church, the Rev. W. F. Bowers, pastor, Sunday, 9 a. m., church school, 10:30 a. m., service, 6:30 p. m., C. E., 7:30 p. m., service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Mennonite Meeting House, the Rev. A. D. Dreyer, minister, Sunday, 9 a. m., Sunday school, 10 a. m., service.

St. George's Catholic, the Rev. B. H. Creamer, rector, Sunday, 9 a. m., children's mass and catechetical class, Sunday, 7 a. m. and 9 a. m., mass, Mass weekdays at 8 a. m., confessions at 7 p. m.

Gospel hall, East Fifth street, Sunday, 9 a. m., church school, 10:30 a. m., service, 7 p. m., service, Tuesday, 8 p. m., Bible study, Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer meeting.

Gospel hall, 415 East Fourth street, Sunday, 9 a. m., church school, 7 p. m., service.

Boyer town Fights Through First Storm Of 1948; Casualties From Accidents Mount

Boyer town and vicinity put up a strong defense yesterday against the first real storm of 1948 but up to a late hour last night, the immediate outcome seemed in doubt.

Snow started to fall around noon and continued most of the day but the temperature was just on the line at freezing and very little of it lay on streets and sidewalks. But trees, fences and ground, already covered with ice in most instances, were made increasingly perilous by the covering of snow.

The casualties — none serious — mounted as accident reports came in. The most alarming regularly and repetition of pattern. The demon in all cases was the weather and specifically, ice.

John Z. Harner, 309 East Philadelphia avenue, escaped serious injury the past Wednesday afternoon when the car in which he was riding skidded on a section of icy Yellow House on the Boyertown-Reading highway and rammed a telegraph pole. Although the vehicle was demolished, Harner suffered broken ribs and a broken and lacerated nose.

Not many hours later, Jerrold Groff, a student at Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio, skidded on the same section of highway and hit a telephone pole. He was uninjured but the automobile he was driving was damaged extensively.

Emil Aichroth, of 16 North Washington street, fractured his left collarbone when he slipped and fell on icy pavement the past Sunday on North Washington street. He was treated by Dr. E. B. Sommers.

A low-level sewage pump located at the end of South Reading avenue was burned out yesterday morning, it was reported by Ray E. Schoffstall, borough manager. Two pumps ordinarily carry the load here, Schoffstall explained, and one was still running. A gasoline pump was in readiness to operate if necessary. Schoffstall also reported that fuses were blown out early yesterday morning at the sewage disposal plant.

From 2:30 to 3:30 a. m. yesterday, Boyertown had all the appearances of being blacked out as it was during the war years, when a complete power failure threw the town into total darkness.

The town clock atop the tower of Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed, stopped at 6:43 a. m. yesterday, harassed citizens noted as they missed its familiar ring.

Telephone traffic in the borough was very heavy yesterday, it was reported. Trunk lines from Boyertown to Pottstown were out during the day but operators here were rerouting calls through other exchanges to Pottstown. Some lines to Shanesville, which went out Thursday night, were not yet back in service yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. C. S. Yoh to Give Foods Demonstration

Mrs. Calvin S. Yoh, a former home economics teacher, will present a foods demonstration on party snacks, including preparation of party sandwiches and garnishes, at a meeting of the American Home division of the Woman's Club of Boyertown on Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Samuel H. Maurer, 420 East Philadelphia avenue.

Mrs. Yoh has also asked all women attending to bring along their favorite recipe for use in the home-makers' cookbook to be published by the State Federation of Women's clubs of Pennsylvania. Members of the division are also urged to bring pencil and paper to the meeting.

'Ike' Decides on Firm To Publish His Memoirs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The Army said today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has decided which firm will publish his war memoirs, and if he decides to publish them.

The name of the firm was not disclosed in the brief announcement, which also said:

1. Eisenhower has "signed no contract for publication" of his recollections of the war years.

2. He "had discussed the possibility of publishing them with several firms."

LOCAL WOMAN ILL

Mrs. Effinger M. Erb, 117 North Reading avenue, is a patient in Reading hospital.

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DIEROLS - In New Hanover on Friday, Jan. 2, 1948 John H., husband of the late Sophia (Wetzel) Dierols Services from the residence of Mrs. Hettie Batz, New Hanover on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p. m. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Continued services in Zionville Lutheran church. Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 9 (See back)

DIEROLF - In Bechtelsville on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1947 Catherine A. Dierolf, widow of the late John Dierolf, aged 86 years. Relatives and friends are invited the services from the Moyer Funeral home, Bechtelsville on Sunday Jan. 4, 1948 at 1:30 p. m. Further services in R.R. church. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Friends may call Saturday evening at the funeral home, 7-9 o'clock. (Moyer)

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Local Churches

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Transfiguration, the Rev. Theodore L. Fischer, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., worship, 10:45 a. m., in-betweeners, 5:30 p. m., vesper, 7:30 p. m.
St. James, the Rev. Edward S. Morn, pastor. Sunday school, 9:15 a. m., worship, 10:30 a. m., in-betweeners, 5:30 p. m., vesper, 7:30 p. m.
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Rural Churches

New Haven, the Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, pastor. Church school, 9 a. m., worship, 10 a. m.
St. John's, the Rev. William H. Solly, pastor. Sunday school, 9 a. m., worship, 10 a. m., in-betweeners, 5:30 p. m., vesper, 7:30 p. m.
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Tries War Cases



Only woman member of the U. S. legal team prosecuting 12 officials of the Krupp Arms Works as alleged war criminals, Cecilia Goets is shown at her desk at Neumberg, Germany. A New Yorker who graduated from Columbia university law school, she prepared the prosecution's case.

BECHTELSTOWN

Miss Pauline Ernst, corr. C. Krieger, delivery.
The engagement of Miss Betty Jean Wismer, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Renninger, Boyertown, and Harold Alan Herost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herost, Bechtelsville, was announced at a Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reinberger, East Greenville.

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ALL BUT ONE VICTIM

Of Wreck Identified

OTTUMWA, Mo., Jan. 2 (AP)—State police and county officers today completed identification of all but one of the victims of a Missouri Pacific train wreck in which 14 persons lost their lives, among them Alexander W. Weddell, former ambassador to Spain.

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Trinity EC Church Plans Special Rites

Special services will mark the first Sunday of the new year at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church tomorrow, the Rev. Donald T. Floyd, pastor, announced yesterday.
The Sunday school session will mark the close of a six months long contest among all the classes, with the final results being announced at the Sunday school hour at 9:30 o'clock. The contest has gained new members for the school and has resulted in an increased weekly attendance of 20 to 30 persons each Sunday, the Rev. Floyd said.
Holy Communion will be celebrated in the worship services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the morning service, 12 new members will unite with the congregation. They are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Roberts, Lois Roberts, Martin Roberts, Harold Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bittler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hummel and Mrs. Robert Irick.

Governor Proclaims New Jersey Emergency

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2 (AP)—Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll today proclaimed an emergency in New Jersey because of the storm and ordered all armories north of Trenton opened to the public.
Acting after getting reports that many families were without heat, the governor directed the State's military forces, the State police and the Motor Vehicle department to lend assistance wherever possible. Driscoll also asked the Red Cross to give what help it could.

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Elmer C. Brant, southeastern area disaster director for the Red Cross, arrived in Cotton Valley today to assume charge of relief and rehabilitation work. The Red Cross has appropriated \$100,000 for the work, with more available if necessary for a five-state area.
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Appointments Made As Clerks, Deputies For Chester County

A list of deputies and clerks to be installed in Chester county court-house offices Monday was approved yesterday by Senator George B. Scarlett, Kennett Square, county chairman of the GOP.

The list includes the appointment of Miss Betty Wilson, daughter of Phoenixville's burgess, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wilson, in the office of the recorder of deeds, under Miss Elizabeth E. Gleason, the new recorder.

John J. Teti, Coatesville, was named the new prothonotary. He formerly served as second deputy.

Mrs. Edmund Yarnall, Jennersville, the oldest deputy in point of service in the courthouse is not being retained as first deputy. New appointees in the prothonotary's office are Mrs. Elizabeth P. Godshalk, Oxford, first deputy, and Mrs. Thelma Roney, Exton, second deputy.

Present deputies in the district attorney's office all are being retained. They are John J. Fagan, Chester, and Morris W. Moore, West Chester, and Francis Grubb, the latter chief county detective.

J. Martin Kurtz, Honey Brook, recorder for the past four years, will serve under Miss Gleason as first deputy. Miss Mary R. Hoopes, West Chester, is being retained as second deputy. Mrs. Mary Marmaduke, Downingtown RD, has been added as a clerk.

No changes were announced in the offices of the register of wills and sheriff. Mrs. Frank A. Passmore, West Chester, remains as first deputy in the register of wills office, and Howard Gawthrop, Kennett Square, second deputy.

Miss Nellie Donovan continues as first deputy in the sheriff's office. All other sheriff's deputies also are being retained.

TWIN-BORO CHURCH DIRECTORY

ROYERSFORD

Trinity Evangelical, Episcopal, the Rev. G. H. Seider, pastor, 9:15 a. m., Sunday school, 10:30 a. m., worship, 6:30 p. m., Jr. and Sr. KLCE, 7:30 p. m. worship.

Baptist, the Rev. Fred G. Bader, pastor, 9:45 a. m., church school, 11 a. m., Sunday school, 10:30 a. m., Communion, 6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p. m., worship and Bible study.

Sacred Heart, the Rev. Joseph J. Conway, pastor, Masses at 5:30 and 11 a. m.

Methodist, the Rev. Cortland R. Pusey, pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 11 a. m., Holy Communion, 6:15 p. m., Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p. m., worship.

Grace Lutheran, the Rev. Paul Henry, pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 11 a. m., Sunday school, 10:30 a. m., Communion, 6:30 p. m., infant baptism, 7:30 p. m., Holy Communion.

Nazareth, the Rev. George W. Anderson, pastor, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school, 11 a. m., worship, 6:45 p. m., Junior meeting, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting, 7:45 p. m., evangelistic service.

Methodist Brethren in Christ, the Rev. Paul E. Baer, minister, 9 a. m., Sunday school, 2:30 p. m., rally by the Gospel Messengers, 7:15 p. m., evangelistic service.

Reformed church, the Rev. Franklin P. Watts, pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion, 10:45 a. m., worship.

Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Clyde Richter, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school, 10:45 a. m., worship.

Epiphany (Polish), the Rev. Calixt Cresson, church school, 9:30 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon, 10:30 a. m., on the first and third Sundays, morning prayer and sermon on other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

Garwood Sunday school, M. G. Reed, superintendent, 2 p. m., service.

SPRING CITY

Reformed church, the Rev. Garrett O. Adams, pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 11 a. m., worship, 6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship.

St. Clare's Catholic, Linfield, the Rev. Joseph J. Conway, pastor, Masses 8:30 and 11 a. m.

Bethel Methodist, the Rev. R. Senton Duvall, pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 10:45 a. m., worship, 6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p. m., service.

Methodist Brethren in Christ, the Rev. Paul E. Baer, minister, 9 a. m., Sunday school, 10:30 a. m., morning devotion.

Methodist, the Rev. Charles F. Selkeld, pastor, 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, 11 a. m., Holy Communion, 6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p. m., service.

Zion's Lutheran, the Rev. R. Oscar Schlessman, Jr., pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 10:30 a. m., the service and sermon.

St. Joseph's Catholic, the Rev. Joseph J. Conway, pastor, Mass, 10 a. m.

Lutheran, the Rev. Joseph Schantz, pastor, 9:30 a. m., church school, 10:45 a. m., Holy Communion, 6:30 p. m., Luther League, 7:30 p. m., vesper.

DEATHS - FUNERALS

Funeral services will be conducted in a funeral home at 331 New Street, Spring City, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for MRS. ANNA M. ESHBACH, 85, widow of William Eshbach, East Vincent Township, who died Thursday night at 8 o'clock in Phoenixville hospital. Interment will be made in Zion's cemetery.

Mrs. Eshbach was born in Upper Pottsgrove township, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Davolheiser. She was a member of Zion's Lutheran church.

Surviving are a son, William C. Dotterer, Spring City, a sister, Mrs. Sallie Prytzman, Reading, and two brothers, Horace Davidheiser, Camden, N. J., and John Davidheiser, Dubois.

WILLIAM H. VANDERSLICE, 83, died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lillian V. Bernard, UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, where he had made his home the past year.

He was born in Chester county, son of the late Nicholas and Elizabeth Vanderslice. For many years he operated a farm in Berks county, returning about a year ago, because of ill health.

Funeral services will be held privately Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a funeral home at 331 New Street, Spring City, with interment in East Vincent cemetery.

SON BORN TO LEONHARDTS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leonhardt, Royersford, in Phoenixville hospital Tuesday.

Twin Bore Classified

Deaths

VANDERSLICE - In Upper Providence township, on Friday, Jan. 2, 1948, William H. Vanderslice, aged 83 years. Funeral services privately at the Nelson Funeral Home, 331 New St., Spring City, on Monday at 2 o'clock in afternoon. East Vincent cemetery.

ESHBACH - In Phoenixville hospital on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1948, Anna M. Eshbach, widow of William Eshbach, aged 85 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services at the Nelson Funeral Home, 331 New St., Spring City, on Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. Interment Zion's cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday evening, Jan. 2, to 9.

Strayed, Lost, Found

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Spring City Boy Scouts Take Part in Contest

Boy Scouts of Spring City participated in a contest at a meeting of District 3 in First Methodist church, Phoenixville, last night.

Robert Hallman Jr., was chief judge of the contest. Troops represented were Phoenixville, Spring City, Parkersford Kenaworth, South Pottstown, Kimmerson Pughtown and Valley Forge. The troops which finished first in scoring will compete in county finals at West Chester Jan. 16.

Cage League Managers To Meet Tuesday Night

A meeting of the Royersford Recreation league basketball managers has been called for Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, in Royersford high school, to go over the second-half schedule and act on any other matters which may come up.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albert entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacGinnis, of Philadelphia, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James MacIntire, of Major's Hollow, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swarth and sons, James and Howard, and Mrs. Alice MacIntire at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Miller have named their newborn son James William Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, daughter Jacqueline and sons, Barry and Jack, were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller, of Spring City.

Mrs. Mabel B. Miller has moved from the village to Rockwell, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dato, of Pottstown, entertained Miss Elsie Brownback at dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer, of Royersford.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Biamon of Troy, N. Y., have moved into the Elsie Brownback apartments.

Mr. Earl Horner Jr., Mr. Maurice Linderman, accompanied by Messrs. Kenneth and Marvin Linderman, of Pottstown, enjoyed a recent hunting trip in Potter County.

The Girls' club in Linfield enjoyed a holiday dinner on Tuesday in the Evangelical and Reformed church social rooms. Mrs. Erma Leidenberger was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Frank Rumber decorated the tables and the rooms with greens. Gifts were exchanged and the Christmas story was shown in colored slides. Mrs. John Lorch sang several vocal selections, with Mrs. John Grebe accompanying. The following were present: Mrs. Earl Evans, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. John Grebe, Mrs. Carl Leidenberger, Mrs. Leslie Essick, Mrs. Grant Strohm, Mrs. Frank Rumber, Mrs. John Lorch, Mrs. Philip Plotts, Mrs. Walter Bauer, Mrs. Clarence Miller, Miss Esther Remington and Miss Theresa Gauger.

Ramona Deery has been confined to her home with the chickenpox.

Mr. George Brant, of Toledo, O., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brant.

Mr. Russell Hilborn of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilborn.

Linfield Scout Troop 1 enjoyed a Christmas party at troop headquarters on Friday evening, with Scoutmaster Henry Kulp in charge. Games were played, gifts were distributed and refreshments were served to the 14 boys who were present. Two commissioners and two assistant scoutmasters were also present.

Thomas Marshall Brownback, a student at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brownback.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcella Barker returned from a two week trip to Hammondsport, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary Ewing, of South Mountain sanatorium, is spending two weeks with her family at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daub entertained the following girls at dinner on Christmas Eve: Mrs. Clarence Clements, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Le Sourd and others. Mrs. J. L. Mervin and Miss Hannah Hurl of Pottstown.

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telephone call from her son, Corp. C. Rodney Shider, saying that he has reached California, after having been stationed in Japan for almost two years.

Mrs. Russell McMann was hostess to the Young Adults' Sunday school class, at her home, Saturday night. A full course dinner was served to the guests. The tables were decorated with candles and poinsettias. Gifts were distributed. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leidenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leidenberger, Mr. and Mrs. John Grege, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bear and son John, Miss Jane Daulo, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Ravor, Miss Esther Remington, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumber, Howard Rumber, Harold Kuser, Gerald Hertz, Russell McMann and Miss Roberta McMann.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Barnoff and daughter Ann visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gottschall of Boyertown.

Miss Nancy McMann is confined to bed with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barnoff entertained the following friends at dinner on Sunday: Miss Mamie Nedzenski, Mrs. Frances Burton, Frank Strauss, Joseph Zukas, Mrs. Vera Yerkes and Mrs. Jennie Yakson, all of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bear entertained their nephew, Carl Custer, of Parkersford, at dinner on Christmas.

Mrs. Samuel Bear observed her birthday yesterday.

The following eight grade students are on the honor roll of the local public school: Be - Lou Trun-lev, Richard Hummel and Richard Aloragar.

Robert Schurr, of Llanerch, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Schurr.

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Trojans Turn Back Lebanon in Final Minute, 33-30

YERGER'S FOUL ICES DECISION AS 500 WATCH

Ziegler Follows With
Field Goal; Bob Mauger
Stars With 13 Points

A throng of 500 fans forgot about the bad weather for a short time last night as they watched Coach Ed Good's Trojans come back in a last minute rally to defeat Lebanon High school, 33-30, on the Pottstown Junior High court.

The Trojans came through with a score book finish, tabbing three points in the final 19 seconds, breaking a 30-30 tie to carry away their fourth win of the year as compared to two setbacks.

With the count deadlocked at 30-30 and one minute remaining in the game, both teams fought wildly for the ball in an effort to drop a field goal. However, with 19 seconds to go, Brown Yerger was fouled and the Trojans center dropped his third charity toss of the evening to put the Trojans ahead, 31-30.

Again the two quintets started a mad battle for the ball, and with four seconds left in the game Don Ziegler, standing all alone under the basket, took a long pass from a fellow Trojan and dropped a field goal for insurance. That ended the ball game at 33-30.

The game started out to be a high-scoring affair, and at half-time the Trojans held a slim 20-19 advantage. When the third period opened, both teams slowed down their scoring pace and strengthened their defense. As a result, the Trojans scored only five points in the third period and Lebanon only accounted for one field goal. In the final eight minutes Lebanon out-scored the Gopdams, 9-8.

Lebanon jumped into an early lead in the first period, but Gene Feack's two fouls gave the Trojans a 7-6 advantage after eight minutes. Both teams zipped the cords for points in the second period and at half-time only one point separated the two quintets.

A low scoring third period kept the Trojans ahead, but Lebanon forced into the lead early in the fourth quarter. Two field goals by Tony Strangarity and one by Frank Ziegler, the count at 27-27, and a doubleheader by Levenski put the Trojans in front, 29-27, at the three-minute mark. Bob Mauger's set shot and Stan Stolar's foul fixed the setting for the thrilling finish with Yerger's foul and Ziegler's field goal.

It was Bobby Mauger, little junior guard, who kept the Trojans in the ball game. Mauger played a brilliant floor game as well as a scoring game. He tabbed one half of the Trojans' 12 field goals and added a foul for 13 points while playing a good defensive game.

The other four starters for Pottstown tabbed five points apiece. For Lebanon, Strangarity was the outstanding player on the floor. The big center found the range for six field goals before leaving the game via the personal foul route in the fourth period. Milan Resanovich also was a key man in the Lebanon offense. The Lebanon forward tabbed three field goals and two fouls for eight markers.

The Trojans open the race for the Section Three league title Friday night when they travel to Downingtown to meet the Whippets.

Pottstown	G	P	P	Lebanon	G	P	P
Stolar, f	2	1	5	Resanovich, f	2	2	8
Ziegler, f	2	1	5	Shenk, f	2	0	4
Yerger, f	1	1	3	Albright, f	1	0	0
Mauger, c	1	1	3	McGinnis, c	6	0	12
Feack, c	1	3	5	Hickard, c	0	0	0
Pollock, c	0	0	0	Levenski, f	1	1	3
				McGinnis, f	1	1	3
Totals	12	9	33	Totals	13	4	30
Pottstown				Pottstown			
Lebanon				Lebanon			

Roth's Travel to Meet Bridgeport Tonight

Roth's basketball quintet of Pottstown will travel to Bridgeport tonight to meet the Good Will Fire company cagers in an exhibition game on the Bridgeport High court. The game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

The Bridgeport combine is rated as one of the strongest teams in the Norristown area, having defeated the strong Buzz Boys by ten points a few weeks ago. The Pottstown combine group, an undefeated team, is expected to be a season decision to the Buzz Boys, but have strengthened the team since then.

EMMANUEL LOSES

The Birdsboro YMCA basketball team scored an overwhelming 67-47 victory over Emmanuel last night in an exhibition game played at Birdsboro. Pottstown's Harry Anderson topped the scorers with 28 points.

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BABY TROJANS LOSE 1ST TILT BY 41-36 SCORE

Lebanon Ends Streak
At Four; Locals Trail
Throughout Entire Game

Coach Bill McCabe's Baby Trojans, after winning four straight games, went down to their first defeat of the season last night losing to Lebanon High's junior varsity, 41-36, on the Pottstown Junior High palestra.

The Baby Trojans, playing without the services of Joe Pollock, trailed from the beginning and were never in the lead. The closest McCabe's charges came to Lebanon was 29-25 early in the fourth period. Lebanon, however, made a mad dash near the end and pulled away into a comfortable lead.

The Pottstown combine was a little slow in getting started. Lebanon jumped into an early 9-0 lead, and at the end of the first period it was 11-4. The Trojans got going in the second period, but at half-time the locals still trailed, 19-13. Lebanon regained their seven point lead again in the third period only to have the Baby Trojans cut it to five in the final eight minutes.

Leading the Pottstown scorers was Homer Royer. The little blonde-haired cager zipped the nets for 12 points via five field goals and two fouls. Dick Spore tabbed 10 markers.

Pottstown	G	P	P	Lebanon	G	P	P
Spore, f	4	2	10	Imboden, f	6	3	15
Reyno, f	0	1	1	Bouch, f	9	0	0
Reyno, f	3	2	12	Dawson, f	7	0	14
Scheid, c	0	1	1	Wagner, c	4	0	8
Dobry, c	2	0	0	Liddle, c	0	0	0
Reyno, f	0	0	0	Schier, c	2	0	2
Howard, c	2	1	5	Krumpholtz, f	1	0	2
Veardrath, c	0	0	0				
Bowers, c	0	0	0				
Schier, c	1	1	2				
Totals	19	8	36	Totals	29	3	41
Pottstown				Pottstown			
Lebanon				Lebanon			

Too Much Whistle Blowing Blamed On Cage Coaches

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—There may be too much whistle blowing at college basketball games but the fault lies not with the officials as has been charged by court mentors, but with the coaches themselves, Matty Begovich, leading Eastern referee, declared today.

"If you want to eliminate some of the whistle tooting," Begovich suggested, "don't hint to the officials to overlook fouls as some coaches have been quoted recently as asking, but do something about the rules. That is where the fault lies—in the rule book. And who makes the rules? The coaches' rules committee."

Begovich's heated reply was directed mainly at coaches Wilbur Johns of UCLA and Jack Gray of Texas. Johns, who also happens to be chairman of the rules committee, stated at a luncheon here the past week that in his opinion "the officials were ruining the game for the fans with too much whistle blowing." Gray, in viewing a game between Pennsylvania and Illinois two weeks ago, remarked, "I thought one of the officials would swallow his whistle. It hardly ever left his mouth."

"It is unfair to criticize the officials as spoiling the game for the fans," Begovich protested. "It's those new rules that cause all that whistle blowing. What people don't consider is that basketball as played today is far different from what it used to be years ago. It has been speeded up tremendously. From a slow deliberate style, it has changed to a race horse style with players moving at top speed most of the time."

"Consequently many more violations are being committed than previously," he added. "The official must adhere to the rules."

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Francis Rogel (33), Penn State fullback is stopped after a two-yard gain through center by Bob Ramsey (24). Southern Methodist back, in the first period of the Cotton Bowl game at Dallas. Other players are Dick McKissack (38), SMU back; Sid Halliday (83), SMU end; Earl Cook (51), SMU guard, and Nesley Norton (71), Penn State tackle.

Wolverines Head for Home After Night of Celebrating

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—Michigan's all-conquering Wolverines, the plaquidits of Rose Bowl observers still ringing loud in their ears, boarded a noon train today taking them back to their Ann Arbor lair.

Coach Fritz Crisler, his 44 players and assistants left on a special section of the Santa Fe Super Chief at 11:59 a. m. after an "evening on the town" celebrating their tremendous 49-0 victory over Southern California's Trojans.

"Relax and enjoy yourselves" was Crisler's only post-bowl instructions to his Big Nine champions after the game. And they immediately struck out for the bright lights of Los Angeles and Hollywood.

Injuries in the contest were minor. All-American Bob Chappuis, who passed and ran to a new Rose Bowl record of 279 yards, aggravated a torn leg muscle which he claimed "sloshed me up some." End Dick Rifenburg, who caught one touchdown pass, came out with a hurt shoulder, and his running mate, Bob Mann, suffered a knee injury.

The Wolverines carried armfuls of newspapers aboard the train, planning to spend most of the homeward trip reading their rave notices which included unstinted praise for their speed and blocking, as well as their much-heralded deception.

Among the required reading items:
Earl (Red) Blaik, Army coach—"It's almost impossible to compare Michigan and Notre Dame. Notre Dame operates the T to perfection. Michigan is perfection from the single wing."

Bob Snyder, Los Angeles Rams coach—"That was the finest college offense I've ever looked at."

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And Crisler himself—"The greatest performance by the greatest team I ever coached."

CLUB CENTURY PLAYS

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Engineers, Roth's See Action At Local Armory Tomorrow

The Pottstown Tool and Engineering company quintet, runnerup in the second annual YMCA-Christmas tournament, will make its first appearance at the Pottstown Armory tomorrow afternoon when it battles Parkside AA of Roversford.

In the main event of a scheduled twin-bill.

Tomorrow's doubleheader is the second this year being sponsored by the Pottstown Armory. The first twin-bill drew some 200 fans to the local palestra the past Thursday.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Roth's cagers, who eked out a 62-57 win over Getz Clothiers of Reading Thursday afternoon, will meet the Reading Novelty company quintet. The first game will start at 2 o'clock and the nightcap will get underway at 3:15 o'clock.

The Engineers are one of the top teams in Pottstown, having finished second in the Christmas tourney and currently holding down second place in the City Basketball league with three straight wins. They trail the Armvets by one-half game.

The players on the Engineers' squad are boys who graduated from Pottstown High in the past several years. Bill Missimer, who starred in the YMCA cage tourney, is the spark-plug of the team and will be in the starting lineup this afternoon.

The remainder of the lineup for the Engineers will have John Baker and Tom Weber at forward and Cal Meyers at center. Teaming with Missimer in the backcourt at the guard positions will probably be Mike Kowach, brilliant little floor-man.

Starting for Parkside will probably be Ray Overdorf, former Roversford High star, and Tyson at forward with Longacre at center. The guards will be Mowery and Haines.

The first game brings to Pottstown another crack Reading team, Jack Kurovski, brother of the famed George "Whitey" Kurovski, and Tom Julian, son of the basketball coach at Holy Cross college, are two of the starters in the Reading lineup. These two cagers start at the guard spots while Jim Mason and Dick Lascombe hold down the forward positions. Cheluis will be the center.

Manager Jack Post of Roth's will put his same lineup on the floor today. Henry Stofko, the lad who tabbed 21 points against Reading Thursday, will team with Claude Reinhardt at forward, and Carlos Trollinger will take the center's duties. The guard spots will be filled by Earl Strom and Ed Kovach.

As an added attraction, the sponsors of the doubleheaders are attempting to get George "Whitey" Kurovski, third baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals, to officiate one of today's games.

Merced and Freeman Win Wrestling Tourney

READING, Jan. 2—Marvin Mercer, Reading star, and Ace Freeman, of Chicago, were a perfect team here tonight, and the two big wrestling stars won easily over Lou Farina and Milo Steinborn in the main event of Promoter Bert Bertolini's first elimination tournament at the Armory.

In earlier matches, Mercer teamed with Farina to defeat Gus Raap and Fred Carone while Freeman got together with Steinborn to win over Pat Welsh and Frank Hewitt.

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Mulican	69	Old Do's Remis	66

Helping Hand



Freddie Schaus (above) is only a sophomore at West Virginia but already the little star of the Mountaineer team the past year is lending a helping hand to Coach Lee Patton's charges. Schaus, who was a sharp-shooter on the team a year ago, is expected to do wonders for the Mountaineers this winter.

Armed Gains On Stymie in Total Winnings

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2 (AP)—Calumet Farm sent its 1947 champion, Armed, out for his 1948 debut in a six furlong event at Gulfstream park today and was rewarded with victory and a \$2200 check which pushed the thoroughbred's all-time winning to \$763,700, leaving him \$52,360 behind first place Stymie on the world money winning list.

The Warren Wright gelding, destined to be the Prima Donna of the Florida campaign for the second straight season, made his first start since running third in the Pimlico special Oct. 31.

Jockey Doug Dodson rode Armed out to the limit to take the major share of the \$2500 Galedo purse by a half length. But Dodson, who has ridden Armed in just about all of his races, kept true to form in never touching the gelding with the whip.

The seven year old brown son of Bull Lea picked up some 10 lengths in the last quarter mile and was timed in a fast 1:11 1/5. Carrying 124 pounds and spotting lots of weight to his four rivals, Armed was a 9 to 20 choice. He paid \$2.90 and \$2.40.

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6	Peter Roberts Morning News R. D. Steele	Jamboree Rural Digest Archie Kirby	Songs of Maine Farmers Market Weather	Dawn Patrol News, Music Dawn Patrol Weather, Music
7	Musical Clock News: Music Musical Clock	News: Weather Bible Call Music	LeRoy Miller LeRoy Miller LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire Mac McGuire Mac McGuire
8	Musical Clock Musical Clock Musical Clock	Bible Call Music Music	News: Clock News: Clock News: Clock	Mac McGuire Mac McGuire Mac McGuire
9	Let's Visit Zoo Tidy Tot Time Mary Lou Stars	Showtime Songs or You Time Out	Teen Age Time Breakfast at the Clock	News: Theatre Voice of Army Voice of Navy
10	Frank Marshall Archie Andrews	Time Out Johnson Family Mary Lou Stars	United States Navy Band Land of the Lost	Concert Music News: Theatre Memories of 47
11	Meet the Meeks Singing Ed McGee	News: Let's Pretend Adventures Club	Sports Clinic Junior Junction	Children's Show Christmas Story Record Ranch Mac McGuire

AFTERNOON

Hour	KYW NBC-1090 K	WCAU CBS-1210 K	WTFL ABC-560 K	WTP MBS-610 K
12	Gabe Millard Gabe Millard Gabe Millard	Theatre Stars Over Hollywood	Abbott & Costello Sneaky Snail Gang	Pan American Farm Talk Gene Krupa
1	News: Weather National Farm & Home	Grand Central Station County Fair	News: Music Here's to Vets Musical	The Record Room: News The Record Room: News
2	On the Sunny Side L.A. Gold Tunes	Give and Take County Journal	Metropolitan Opera Company "Louise"	The Record Room: News The Record Room: News
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4	Doctors Today Musical Musical	Overseas Adm. Science Saturday at the Club	Metropolitan Opera Company "Louise"	The Record Room: News The Record Room: News
5	E. Tomlinson Swanee Boys L.A. Gold Tunes	The Phila. Orchestra— Eugene Omandy	Metropolitan Opera Company "Louise"	The Record Room: News The Record Room: News

EVENING

Hour	KYW NBC-1090 K	WCAU CBS-1210 K	WTFL ABC-560 K	WTP MBS-610 K
6	News: A Bach H. Robert Bob Altman	News: Movies Sports: Weather Orchestra	News: Movies Sports: Weather Orchestra	6 P. M. Extra Gene Krupa Sports Shots Uncle WIP
7	Ford Harrison Orchestra Jury Time	Abe Burrows Hoy Carmichael Orchestra	School Boy Sports Guest Star Exciting Case	Betty Ann Sports Guest Star Exciting Case
8	Life of Riley D. & H. Miners Consequences	Suspense—The Black Curtain Robert Montgomery	Rome Dolan Detective Famous Jury Trials	Twenty Questions Glad College Centennial Yr.
9	Hit Parade with Frank Sinatra Judy Canova Show	Joan Davis Bill Goodwin Vaughn Monroe Vaughn Monroe	Gang Busters Murder and Mr. Malone	Ston Me If You Hear This Democratic Rally
10	Kay Kyser Serenade Grand Ole Opry	Serenade Hoy Carmichael Record Review	Professor Quid Rayford Hoodwood	Gene Krupa News Joe Piliado
11	News: Radio Night Club Night Club	News: Analysis Bill Campbell Johnny Austin Orchestra	News: Weather Bill Campbell Johnny Austin Orchestra	Come and Dance C'mon Dance Orchestra
12 p.m.	Caravan: Trio	News	Sports: News	Bandwagon

ON THE AIR SUNDAY

MORNING

Hour	KYW NBC-1090 K	WCAU CBS-1210 K	WTFL ABC-560 K	WTP MBS-610 K
8	News: Orkan Orkan Recital Stark	News: Trumpeters Carolina Callies Quartet	Christian Voices The Choir Loft Coffee Concert Orchestra	Orkan Recital The Bible Hour
9	World News Story to Order Hymns D & H Miners	News: Old Time Songs The Silverettes	Coast to Coast On a Bus On a Bus	News: Williams Show Paul & Ernest Christian Science
10	National Radio Pulbit Carnegie of Music	Church of Air Mgt. Rowan Church of Air	Messiah of Israel Southernaires Southernaires	Andrew Kostelanetz Voice of the Prophets
11	Salon Music Sons of Time	News: ork. Sport Scenes Children's Hour	Within Our Gates Sunday Concert Piano Patterns	Holy Trinity Episcopal Service

AFTERNOON

Hour	KYW NBC-1090 K	WCAU CBS-1210 K	WTFL ABC-560 K	WTP MBS-610 K
12	Research Music Music We Love Today's Concert	Children's Hour: News Ranger Joe George Cole	Norman Black Orchestra World Security Workshop	In Your Name News Rumba with Bavel
1	Musical Program The Theatre Symphonies	U. of P. Forum Price Control Treasury Guest Tish Jean	Sam Pettibone Dr. J. K. Shirock This Week in Philadelphia	W. L. Shirer Ask Dr. Cyril Cavalcade of 1947
2	Robert Merrill Harvest of Stars James Melton	CBS: Is There A. G. Harsh To Be Announced	Philadelphia Philadelphia Hour Lester	Sunday Intelligence Public Opinion
3	Ed Howard Ope Man's Family	N. Y. Symphony Orchestra Charles Muzilli	John Thompson Town Meeting	News Piano Music Jazzville Jury
4	Quiz Kids Guy Lombardo Orchestra	N. Y. Symphony Orchestra Eileen Farrell William Hesse	Sound Off Metropolitan Auditions	House of Mystery True Detective Stories
5	Theatre Theatre Theatre	News: Analysis Bill Campbell Johnny Austin Orchestra	Bill Lance Country	The Shadow Quick-as-Mash

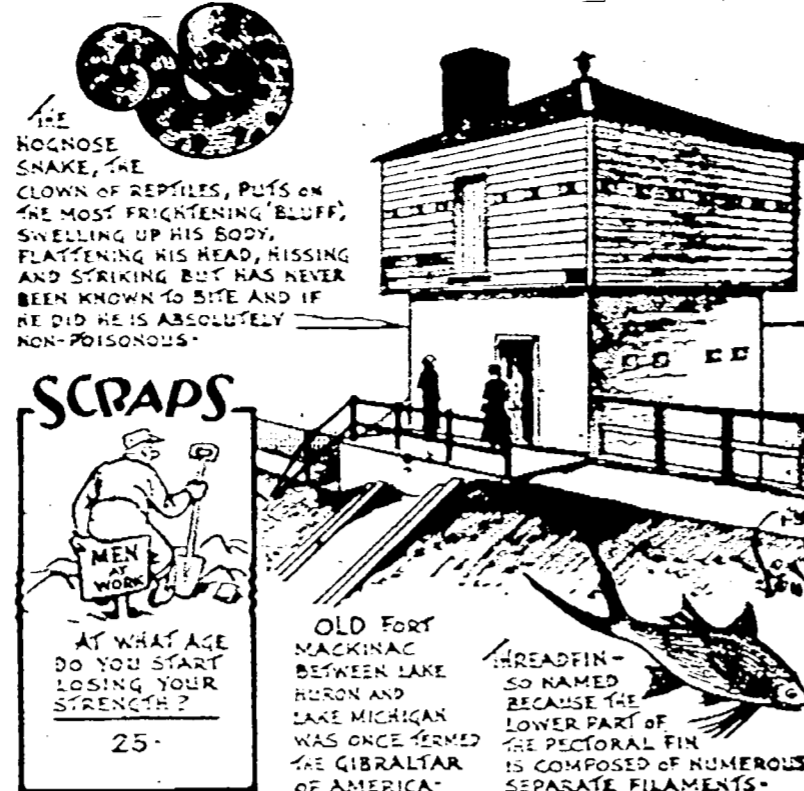
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Hour	KYW NBC-1090 K	WCAU CBS-1210 K	WTFL ABC-560 K	WTP MBS-610 K
6	Catholic Hour Hollywood Star Preview	Family Hour R. Stevens Jack Parnell Percy Faith	Drew Pearson Readings Green Story Ever Todd	Those Websters Nick Carter
7	Jack Benny Show Bandwagon with Phil Harris	Gene Autry Blondie and Dorothy	Footlight Favorites Explains the Unknown	Snarelock Holmes Gabriel Heatter Show
8	Charlie McCarthy Fred Allen	Adventures of Sam Sledge Called N.	Sunday Evening Hour	Meet Me At Jack's Jim Backus Show
9	Marionette Merrill Go Ro Music Album	Meet Corliss Archer T. Martin Show Alan Young	Walter Winchell Louella Parsons Arlene Francis Show	Meet Me At Jack's Jim Backus Show
10	Take It or Leave It Romance Red Orchestra	Comics: Wells Adventure Smile It Rich Todd Russell	Jimmy Fidler Inside Wash'ton News	Walter's Music Edwin Schloss Show
11	News: Serenade New Stories NBC Symphony	News: Analysis Bill Campbell Johnny Austin Orchestra	Sunday Symphony	Scarlet Queen Symphony Symphony orch
12 p.m.	America United	News: weather	News	

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TODAY'S Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Intimidate
- At one time
- A destructive conflagration
- South Carolina (abbr.)
- Flock
- Jewish month
- Work
- West Indian island
- Pronoun
- Hole in a needle
- Evil spirits
- Pronoun
- Desert (Asia)
- A food
- Accomplish
- Before (naut.)
- Musical instrument
- Whether
- Self
- Helps
- Pinch
- Dandy
- Notoriety
- Beneath
- Goddess of the hunt
- Concise
- Infinite parts
- Edge of a wound
- Narrow roadways
- Watch secretly

DOWN

- Walking stick
- Won
- Authorized
- Board of Ordnance (abbr.)
- Depart (abbr.)
- Small anchors
- For example (abbr.)
- Gill (abbr.)
- From
- From (So. Am.)
- Retired
- Soon
- Domesticated
- Fall in drops
- Desire
- Music note
- Steamship (abbr.)

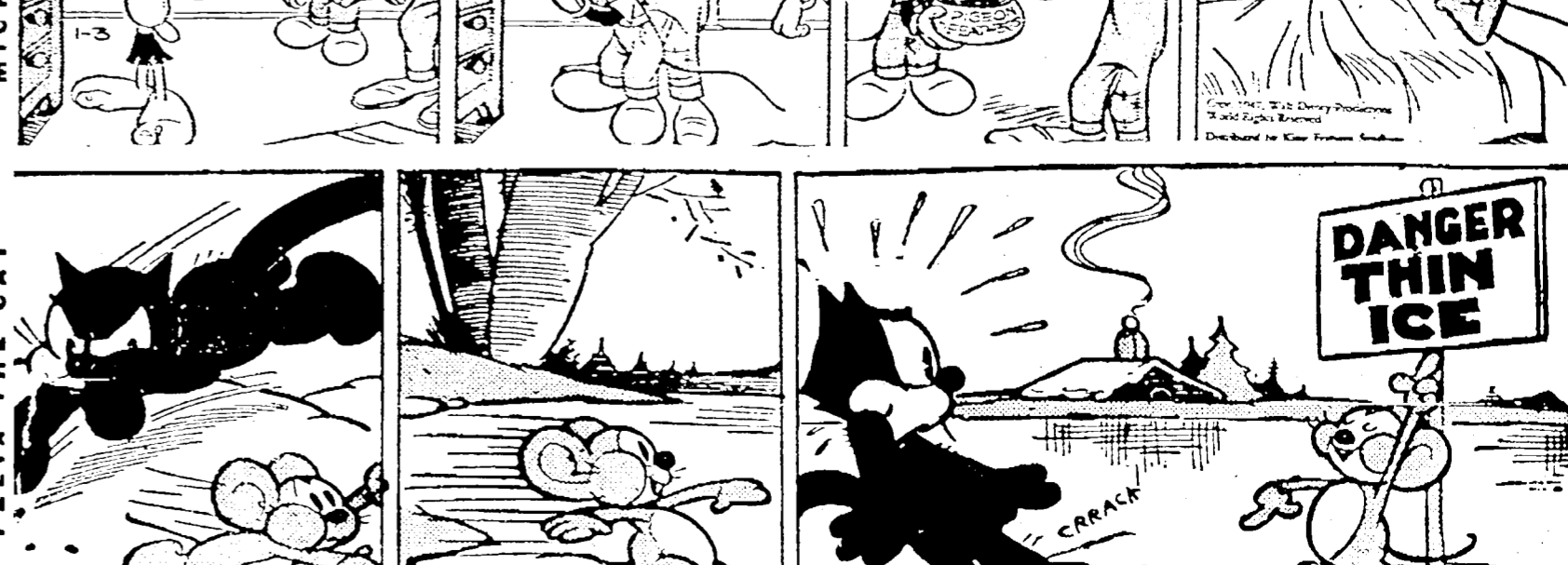
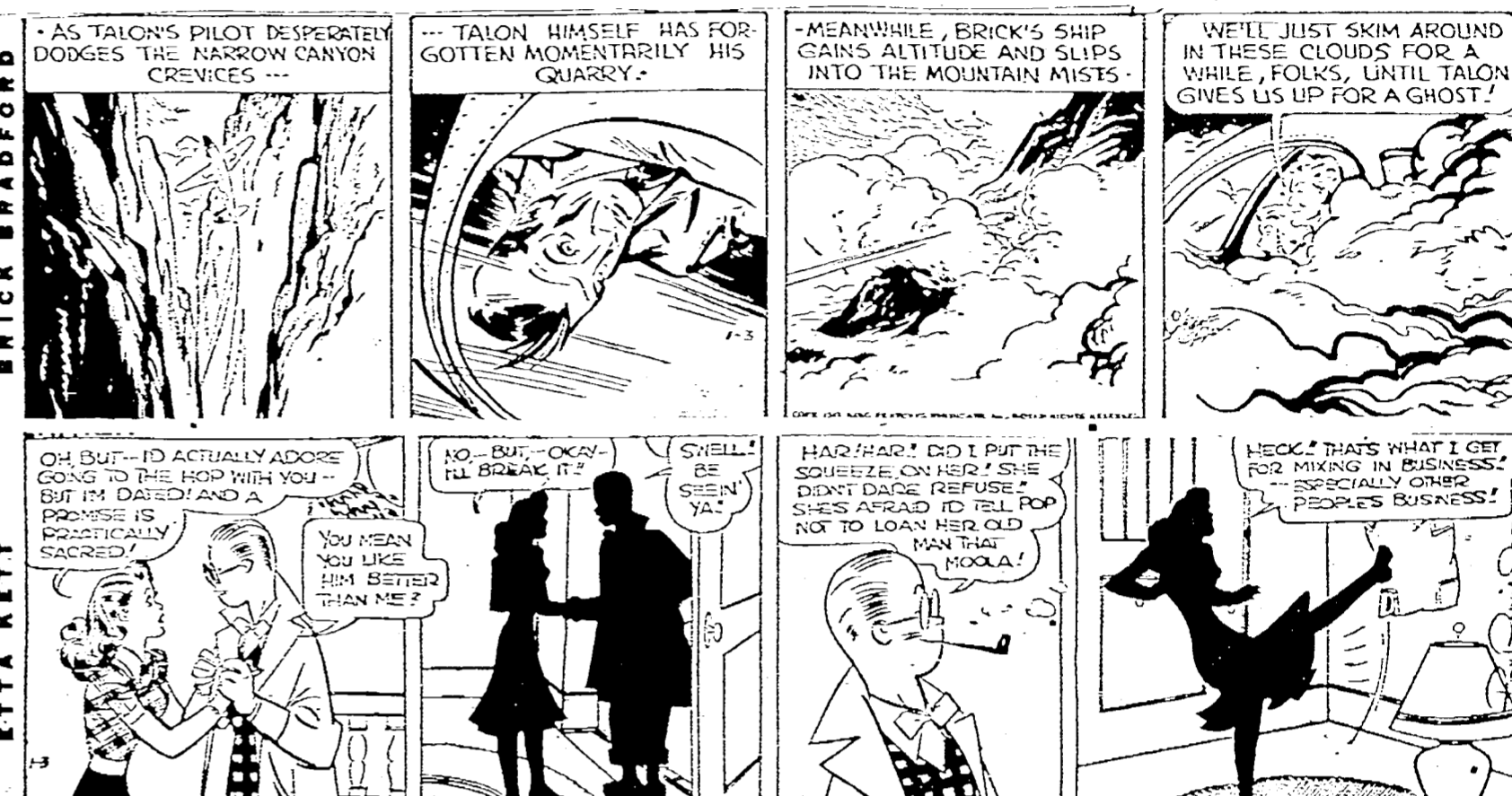
Yesterday's Answer

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Complainant Refuses To Press Charges; Drop Robbery Case

Failure of the prosecutor, Amos Price, patient of the Valley Forge General Hospital, Pottsville, to press his charges of assault and battery and larceny of \$54 in cash outside of the Needle Eye Club on Isabella street, early New Year's Day morning, resulted in the release last night by Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of three Negroes arrested by police.

A hearing had been scheduled for 7:30 p. m. at Borough hall for the three accused: William Barber, York; Arthur James, 607 Water street, and Norman Brown, 755 Sheridan street, who appeared with C. Edmund Wells as counsel.

When there were no signs of Price, he was contacted at the hospital by Kelley.

Price did not show any indication of coming to Pottsville for the hearing and the three men were then discharged on a motion of Attorney Wells. Each had been released previously by police under \$300 bail.

Kelley said eight men had been implicated in the brawl outside of the club house and he said the three Negroes before him may not have been in the group. In referring to the reported theft of \$54, he said the wallet containing the money may have been lost by Price. He may also have spent the cash, he said.

Barber, James and Brown each paid \$3 costs and left the police station in a happy mood. The scheduled hearing attracted about 20 spectators.

Obituaries

HUIZINGER HERMAN, 75, husband of Annie L. (Kilun) Herman, of DOUGLASSVILLE, died Wednesday at his home, it was reported yesterday.

A lifelong Douglassville resident and son of late Jacob and Catherine Herman, he was a farmer and gardener by occupation.

He was a member of Shenkel's Reformed church; Camp 240, P.O.S. of A. and Monocacy Lodge 441, IOOF, both of Douglassville.

In addition to his wife he is survived by five children, Mary, wife of LeRoy J. Snyder, of Esterly; Charles J., of Douglassville; Clarence H., at home; Ellen G., wife of Charles C. Kilun, of Hill, Va.; and Frances E., wife of Stanley P. Elliott, 5 East Third street.

Also surviving are a sister, Mary Herman, Hill, Va.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his home in Douglassville. Officiating will be the Rev. Alton P. Albright, pastor of Shenkel Reformed church.

Interment will be made in St. Paul's cemetery, Amityville.

Funeral services for **JENNIE VIOLA SILKKNITTER**, wife of William C. Silkknitter, **GLEN MOORE RD.**, were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Pine Swamp Evangelical Congregational church.

The Rev. John Buxler, pastor, officiated. Singers at the services were Mrs. Albert Care, Mrs. Daniel Yell, Melbie and Elizabeth Butler.

Interment was made in Pine Swamp cemetery. Bearers were Chester, Donald, John and Charles Silkknitter; Russell Comstock and Paul Diem.

Funeral services for **AUGUSTUS K. KEMMERER**, husband of the late Annie (Wieser) Kemmerer, **POTTSTOWN LANDING**, were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street.

The Rev. Charles Brown, pastor of Old Goshenhoppen Reformed church, officiated.

Interment was made in Old Goshenhoppen Reformed cemetery.

Bearers were Wallace Kuhn, Lincoln Warner, Kenneth Mest, Calvin Fisher, Harry Shaner and Henry Daugherty.

FOUR DIE IN ACCIDENT
TOLEDO, Spain, Jan. 2 (AP)—Four persons were killed and 26 others injured today when a passenger bus plunged into a river near here.

CARE OF THE EYES

Dr. H. C. Beaman

This column is written by Dr. H. C. Beaman, Ophthalmologist, a recognized authority on matters pertaining to eyesight.

A normal eye in a healthy body requires no special care. On the other hand a normal eye in an over-taxed or nervously unstable body may never cease to present the greatest discomfort. The decision, whether treatment of the eye or of the body, should be made only after a careful eye examination. Periodic examinations are particularly indicated before the age of 20, and after the age of 40 because the more serious difficulties are encountered during these periods, and many of them give no warning either in pain or in loss of sight.

Also, the best care of the eyes involves good general and ocular habits. Proper resting posture, adequate light, and avoidance of glare are very important. Also, prolonged reading should be punctuated by periods of rest, best obtained by looking at distant objects.

If you have any questions concerning your eyes, address Dr. Beaman at 215 High Street, Pottstown, and your query will be answered through this column or by direct mail.

(Adv.)

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Reunion After 16 Years



Separated as children, two brothers, Robert G. and John A. Smith, were reunited at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cleaver, 148 Chestnut street, after almost 16 years. John (right) never knew he had a brother until he was 14 years old. It took three years for the two boys to find each other.

Two Brothers, Separated Since Childhood, Reunited at Home of Grandparents

Two brothers who after a separation of almost 16 years were reunited over the holidays, were separated again last night when one had to return to his Army base at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

The two brothers, Robert G. and John A. Smith, were reunited at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cleaver, 148 Chestnut street.

The boys were separated when John was two years old and Robert was three. John going with his mother to live in Millville, N. J., and Robert remaining with his grandparents.

It was not until John was 14 years old that he even learned he had a brother. He began to write letters to Robert, but they were never received.

Finally, last Spring, their father learned that John had entered the service and finding his address provided the means for the two boys to correspond with each other.

When John received his holiday furlough, he hurried to Pottstown to meet Robert, who is employed by the Reagent company. He spent the holiday season with him and his grandparents.

"I guess he was just as anxious to meet me as I was to meet him," he said.

Although he still has two years of his enlistment to serve John believes he may receive a medical discharge in June, because of a punctured ear drum. When he does obtain his release from the service, he plans to rejoin his brother here.

Last night, just before he left, John summed up his feelings about meeting Robert in five heart-felt words: "I had a good Christmas."

Prospective Ex-GI Brides Released Under Bond

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—Eighteen European girls who came here to marry ex-GIs and arrived one day too late were being released from Ellis island under bond today while they awaited the outcome of an appeal to President Truman.

In Washington, White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters that the appeal from the girls' would-be-husbands had not reached the President.

The fiancées, most of whom met the GIs during the Italian campaign four years ago, had left their homes in time to reach America before the deadline—midnight Dec. 31—set for their entry by a special act of Congress. But flight delays caused them to miss the deadline.

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Airline Companies Urged to Concentrate Responsibility for the Safety of Passengers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—President Truman's special Air Safety Inquiry board urged in final report today that individual airlines concentrate within their separate organizations the responsibility for safety of their passengers and personnel.

It also proposed steps to improve both flight and ground crews.

The White House made public the report. It was signed as chairman by James M. Landis, whom Mr. Truman dropped as head of the Civil Aeronautics board without explanation five weeks ago. The special board was appointed June 15 after three of the worst accidents in flying history.

Milton W. Arnold, retired air force brigadier general, now serving as vice president of the Air Transport Association, filed a minority report asserting, "I cannot be a party to opinions and recommendations concerning aviation economic problems which have been presented to the board under a cloak of safety."

He added that the majority report covers matters "more rightfully within the jurisdiction" of the Presidential and Congressional Air Policy boards.

Howard B. Cox of Lomita, Calif., an American Airlines pilot who represents the Air Line Pilots Association (ALP), disagreed with the section on personnel problems. He will file a memorandum on his views.

The other two board members apparently accepted the report as presented. They are J. C. Hunsaker, chairman of the National Advisory committee for aeronautics and a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and T. P. Wright, civil aeronautics administrator.

The majority report said that essentials in airline safety are coordination in methods and exchange of experience, and centralization of responsibility. It proposed regular meetings of all who have an immediate concern with safety matters, such as maintenance officials, engineers, dispatchers and pilots.

The second phase the board proposed "something akin to a safety director" because "much is likely to be gained in any task by a single-headed, full-time devotion to it."

After summarizing 56 safety steps listed in five previous reports, the board took up the problems of fire safety; manufacture, maintenance, repair and inspection of aircraft; airline organizations for safety; personnel problems, and a variety of items such as parachutes, rocket engines for emergency power, regulation of non-scheduled air transport operations; runway barriers for emergencies; flight practices regarding altitude, and air research and development.

The board said it is not possible to govern irregular or contract air carriers under safety standards equal to those of the regular airlines, "but the standards of safety now applicable to the irregular carriers (those not having a certificate or scheduled airline operation) can certainly be elevated."

The board said it had no reason to warrant any change "in the fairly unanimous opinion that use of parachutes (by airlines) would be undesirable as well as impractical."

Arnold concurred substantially in the majority views on fire safety, but set them out in his own language. He disagreed, however, with the majority in the matter of safety fuel—gasoline with a low ignition factor—and said he feels the public "has been given a false indication of the value of these supposed safety fuels as a method of enhancing safety."

The majority said that in its judgment "the greatest single contribution that could be made to aircraft fire protection is the development of a real safety fuel having a less volatile quality than the aviation gasoline now being used." It urged continued research.

The board sat almost daily for two and a half months, hearing nearly 200 witnesses from government and industry.

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Six Homeless Dogs Face Gas Chamber

Six dogs, ranging from nine months to four years old, will have to be killed unless good homes can be found for them before Monday morning.

Mrs. Walter G. Davidheiser, Halfway House, who conquers the local SPCA shelter, yesterday appealed for homes for the animals.

"Unless homes can be found for them, they will have to be sent to the gas chamber in Norristown," she said.

She urged all persons interested in obtaining a dog to call at the shelter at Halfway House or to call her at 528-J-4.

"I would try to keep them myself," she explained, "but my shelter is becoming overcrowded."

There are two four-year-old female fox terriers, one three-year-old white female terrier, one three-year-old male brown terrier mixed with Mexican, one two-year-old female red Scottish terrier, and a nine-month-old mixed collie and bulldog, male.

Legion Schedules 8 Boxing Bouts

The first of eight training bouts by local boxers will be held at 9 o'clock Jan. 16 in the Eagles' auditorium, it was announced at last night's meeting of George A. Arnold Post 47, American Legion, sponsor of the bouts, at its meeting last night.

Walter Hurt, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1, reported to the post members that three leaders, 13 committeemen and 20 have applied for 1948 registration.

William John, senior vice commander, reported the present membership is 1097, and the brief meeting was concluded by a report from Norman L. John, service officer, and a memorial tribute to Harvey Oakes, of Philadelphia, former Pottstown resident, and post member, who died Dec. 30.

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TREASURY BALANCE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The position of the Treasury Dec. 30: Receipts, \$492,997,413.53; expenditures, \$155,578,151.87; balance, \$2,922,497,801.36; total debt, \$256,832,522,978.13; increase over previous day, \$80,703,321.73.

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